

**Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve 2023**  
**Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3s7YA4Tm24>**

**PRELUDE:**

**PROCESSIONAL CAROL: #157 *Oh, come all ye faithful* (Latin – John Wade)**

♫ *Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.*

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels:*

***(Refrain) Oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

*4. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: 'Glory to God in the highest! Refrain*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEDITATION MUSIC:**

♫ Anthem: #167 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* (Jaroslav Vajda)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

† Advent IV Candle: Love (Ry & Ruth Smith)

♫ Refrain #119 vs 4 (Brian Wren)

*LOVE is a flame that burns in the heart, Jesus has come and will never depart!*  
***When God is a child there's joy in our song, the last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, And NONE shall be afraid!***

**CHILDREN'S TIME: #149 *Away in a manger***

**DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

♫ Anthem: #145 *In the bleak mid-winter* (Christina Rossetti)

♫ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

**Prayer: Refrain: #165 *O little town of Bethlehem* (vs 1, 2 & 4) (Phillips Brooks)**

**Lord's Prayer: (said)**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:1-20

Readers: Julia-Rose and Daniel Deletsu

***This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.***

**CAROL:** #139 ***Hark! the herald angels sing***

(Charles Wesley)

**MESSAGE:** “...in swaddling cloths”

**CHRIST CANDLE:**

† **Lighting the Christ Candle** (Frank & Sandra Moll & family)

♫ **Solo: “O, Holy Night”** Soloist: Neil Murray

(Adolphe Adam)

† **Sharing the Candle**

♫ #154 ***Silent Night***

(Franz Gruber)

**BENEDICTION:**

**BLESSING SONG:**

♫ *We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas!  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!*

**POSTLUDE:**