

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church December 17th, 2023
Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg51nLQaYM4>

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

† Advent III Candle: Joy (Doreen & Neil Murray)

♪ Refrain #119 vs 3

(Brian Wren)

JOY is a song that welcomes the dawn telling the world that the Saviour is born
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!

WORDS OF EXPLANATION: Leader: Doug Orr

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

Reader: Ed Kwast

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

CAROLS:

#146 ***Angels from the realms*** (vs 1, 4 & 5)

(James Montgomery)

#139 ***Hark! The herald angels sing!*** (vs 1 & 3)

(Charles Wesley)

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rudolf (A favourite of Olive!)

(Johnny Marks)

*You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen - But do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all?
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose, and if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games. Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say: "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: You'll go down in history"*

Jingle Bells (a favourite of Richard's!)

(James Pierpont)

♪ *Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh, O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way -Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh*

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

- ♫ Anthem: *Canticle of Turning* (Rory Cooney)
♫ *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*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-33

Reader: Ed Kwast

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CAROLS:

#156 *The angel Gabriel* (vs 1 & 4) (Sabine Baring-Gould)

#151 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* (vs 1, 3 & 4) (German, anon)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER: (SUNG) & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Donna-Michelle Rancoeur

THIRD SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20

Reader: Ed Kwast

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CAROLS:

#138 *While Shepherds watched their flocks* (vs 1, 3 & 4) (Nahum Tate)

#147 *Angels we have heard on high* (vs 1, 3 & 4) (trad French)

CLOSING REMARKS:

CLOSING HYMN: #153 *Joy to the World* (vs 1, 3 & 4) (Isaac Watts)

WORDS OF BLESSING:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace* (Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: