

OPENING MUSIC: He's On Our Side (based on Ps 124)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/EqQ5Gx-z9Bo>

Our help has come in the Name of the Lord,
the One who formed all the earth and the sky.
Behold, He comes to destroy the chains of death
and raise us up to life.

O bless his name for he has given us
everything we need to fly.

Our broken wings, they have not hindered us.
We have the Lord; He's on our side!

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WELCOME and NOTICES

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

(based on Hebrews 6:13-20)

One: God made a promise to Abraham many years ago.

All: God said 'I will bless you and give you a son and many, many grandchildren.'

One: Abraham waited patiently for a long, long time.

All: Abraham believed what God had said and God's promises came true.

One: God never tells lies.

God can be completely trusted.

All: If we've trusted our lives to God, we can be confident we'll receive all that he promises to us in Jesus.

One: That confidence, that hope in God, is like a firm and steady anchor for our lives.

All: That lifeline holds steady all the way right into the presence of God.

SONG: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Watch video <https://youtu.be/kKu0or0t8Uw>

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, Thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel... [instrumental]

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel...

Latin verses (ca. 12th century) tr. JM Neale (1818-66)

PRAAYER

ALL-AGE SPOT: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (Ruth Aird)

SONG: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace—
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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BIBLE READING (Reader: Geoff Dawe)

Romans 4: 13-25 (New Living Translation)

REFLECTIONS

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Ruth Aird)

SONG: All who are thirsty

Watch video <https://youtu.be/3Z9fbrgvwyw>

All who are thirsty, come to the Lord,
all who are hungry, feed on his word;
buy without paying food without price,
eat with thanksgiving God's sacrifice.

Why spend your money, yet have no bread;
why work for nothing? Trust God instead!

He will provide you richest of food:
come to the waters, drink what is good.

All who are thirsty come...

Call on God's mercy while he is near,
turn from your evil, come without fear;
ask him for pardon, grace will abound!
This is the moment he can be found.

All who are thirsty come...

Where once were briars, flowers will grow,
where lives were barren, rivers will flow:
praise to our Saviour, grace and renown
ours is the blessing, his be the crown!

All who are thirsty come...

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HOLY COMMUNION:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

SONG: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Watch video <https://youtu.be/2UGjMYdPbXU>

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
 once for favoured sinners slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia! (x3)

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
 robed in glorious majesty;
 those who set at naught and sold him,
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 deeply wailing (x3)
 shall their true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears;
 cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshippers:
 with what rapture, (x3)
 gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne:
 Saviour, take the power and glory,
 claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia! (x3)

Alleluia! come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley & others (1707-1788) (Public Domain)

THE BLESSING**CLOSING MUSIC: Come, O Redeemer, come**

Alternative video <https://youtu.be/WEvhUOM-BY>

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
 ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Lord, save us from the dark
 of our striving;
 faithless and troubled hearts weighed down.

Come, O Redeemer, come;

grant us mercy.

Come, O Redeemer, come;

grant us peace.

Look now upon our need,
 Lord, be with us.

Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Come, O Redeemer, come...

Father enthroned on high...

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Next week: Advent 2**PRAYER**

If you would like someone to pray with you,
 members of the prayer team will be glad to meet
 with you after the service, at the front of the hall.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let us know of anyone who would like a
 telephone call, or a visit at home or in hospital.

Please phone Margaret Webster on 672347
 or Wilma Wilson on 07719 665505

Penicuik Trinity Community Church
(Church of Scotland)



**Welcome to our service today,
 Sunday 30th November 2025**

Whether you come here regularly,
 or are a visitor, we are glad
 that you can be with us today.

Usually we serve tea/coffee after the service in the
 hall, but today we are not able to do so.

If you are a visitor, please take the chance to
 introduce yourself before you go home.

KIDSPACE

If you have children with you today, we have
 activities for them during the service.

Please ask a welcomer, or listen out for
 announcements from the front.

Church website:

www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

TCC PRAYER MEETING
Tonight at 7.15 in the hall. All welcome

THE GUILD

Monday 1st December 2pm in the hall: all welcome.
Richmond Craigmillar: Kirsty Forsyth

TYBG (TUESDAY YOUTH BIBLE GROUP)

Tuesday evenings in school term-time from 7-9 pm.
Anyone between the ages of 11-17 is most welcome to come along. We are currently following Youth for Christ material. The group is very informal and always includes food/drinks and time for people to chat and get to know each other better.

Contact Ann or Andrew Dunsire for further details (07974 605590 / 07580 593504).

COFFEE AND CHAT at TCC

Every Thursday in the hall, 10am-12noon

A warm invitation is extended to all.

This is an opportunity for members and friends to enjoy time together, getting to know each other and making new friends.

Pop in, bring a friend, stay for 10 mins or 2 hours.

Friday 5th December 2025, 7-9pm

CROSSREACH CAROL CONCERT

at P's & G's Church, Edinburgh. Tickets/information
<https://www.crossreach.org.uk/christmas-carol-concert-2025>

Saturday 6th December 10am till noon

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

St James the Less Church Hall: £4 entry at the door

ORIGIN: CHRISTMAS WITH ORIGIN SCOTLAND

Saturday 6th December, **7:30 pm**, Usher Hall

Tickets from originscotland.org or call 01315410117

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It's not too late to make a donation towards the PNK Christmas hamper appeal: the final drop off date for donations is Monday 8th December, 10am till midday at PNK hall (or contact Jan Naylor direct).

FOOD FACTS FRIENDS: Midlothian Toy Appeal

Kathleen Downey is organising the joint Advent events between Penicuik churches and Food Facts Friends.

We are looking for people who can help with:

Crafts both for adults and children.

(can be provided, or bring along a favourite one)

Sitting and talking to the clients and visitors

Sharing the churches' Christmas Card programme

Carol singing or any new ideas.

Christmas Toys donation appeal: we hope to be able to offer families a Christmas wrapping service after they have made their choice of toys.

If you are free to give an hour or a whole morning, it's not too late to sign up Saturdays 6th, 13th or 20th Dec. saying what you would like to do: **there's a sign up sheet in the hall for the different dates.**

Saturday 13th December (Trinity Community Church)

"A WALK THROUGH CHRISTMAS" (2pm till 5pm)

For all ages: come and meet some of the characters of the nativity story, get involved in some craft activities.

3pm and 4pm: there will be half an hour of carol singing – you are welcome to come in just for this.

Refreshments provided.

** we could still use a few people to help with crafts (materials/instructions provided!), refreshments or just to chat with anyone who comes **

Tuesday 16th December: 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE KEVOCK CHOIR

Trinity Community Church. Admission by donation at the door to support Broomhill Day Centre.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have a request from Parkhead Lodge (see slide on screen) for gifts for the 13 homeless young people who are resident there. If you'd like to help, speak to Joan who should have details of what would be most welcome in the next few days.

RENEW 26

Fridays 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk

A café style space where it's ok not to be ok

Email: renewtwentysix@gmail.com