

**OPENING MUSIC: The Christmas Song  
(There's now no need to be afraid)**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/4k4NmYz1MNo?list=PL-o409O6IoxA6QABfyC8FQwUOBzpDNx-C>

*Please listen to this song  
as we shall sing it later in the service.*

For God so loved this broken world  
with all its sadness, all its pain.  
He sent his one and only Son  
to take our guilt and bear our shame.

So long ago in Bethlehem  
angels appeared to working men:  
"Joy to the world from heaven above!"  
Proclaim the birth of Christ the King.

And that's what Christmas is all about:  
this new-born baby in the hay  
is Jesus Christ and he has come to us  
to drive the darkness far away.

This Child would crush the serpent's head  
and grow to conquer sin and death.  
This Christ would die in agony  
then rise in power and victory.

And that's what Christmas is all about:  
the Son of God became a man  
to live a sinless life we couldn't live;  
to die the death that we deserve.

"All glory to the Lord on High!"  
sang angel choirs which filled the sky.  
There's now no need to be afraid  
when you believe in Jesus' name.

And that's what Christmas is all about:  
God's great compassion for the lost.  
When we were powerless to save ourselves,  
God sent His own beloved Son.

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**WELCOME and NOTICES**

**VIDEO: Born**

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE**

One: Be glad in the Lord always!

**All: Let gentleness be the way we treat everyone.**

One: The Lord is coming soon.

**All: Let's not be anxious about anything.  
Instead let's ask God for everything we need,  
and always give thanks.**

One: God's peace will keep your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus.

**All: The peace that God gives is so great  
that we cannot understand it.**

**SONG: Once in royal David's city**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/FjF4jNKrdZA>

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:

Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above:  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

*CF Alexander (1818-95) (Public Domain)*

**PRAYER**

**ALL-AGE TALK (Ruth Aird)**

**SONG: What Child is this...? (Tune: Greensleeves)**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/R2Un5nwIL5w>

What Child is this, who laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

*This, this is Christ the King...*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings:  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

*This, this is Christ the King...*

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-98) (Public Domain)*

**SONG: Infant holy, infant lowly**

Watch video [https://youtu.be/5Q\\_nyGKcwP4](https://youtu.be/5Q_nyGKcwP4)

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall.  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing,  
nowells ringing, tidings bringing.  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new;  
saw the glory, heard the story:  
tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you;

Christ the babe was born for you!

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.  
Christ the babe was born for you....

*Attrib. Piotr Skarga (1536-1612), tr. Edith Reed (1885-1933) (Public Domain)*

### **BIBLE READINGS (Reader: Margaret Webster)**

**John 3: 14-21: (NIVUK)**

**John 8: 12b, 23b-29 (CEV)**

### **REFLECTIONS**

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See **OPENING MUSIC** for the words.

**PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Bill Webster)**

**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: Child in the manger**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/qc9QfoY8Zbw>

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions,

all our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy child of salvation  
gently and lowly lived below;  
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;  
angels behold him on his throne;  
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;  
happy forever are his own.

*Mary MacDonald (1789-1872), tr. Lachlan Macbean (1853-1931) (Public Domain)*

### **THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING MUSIC: Ding-dong merrily on high (Rend Collective)**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/O0x5sgMIRws>

### **PRAYER**

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

### **Next Services:**

#### ***Christmas Eve***

**4.30pm All-age Christmas Eve Gathering**

**11.30pm Watchnight Service**

*(Hot drinks from 11pm)*

#### ***Christmas Day***

**10.30am Christmas Morning Celebration**

#### ***Hogmanay / New Year's Eve***

**11.00am Joint Service at Penicuik North Kirk**

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**Penicuik Trinity Community Church  
(Church of Scotland)**



**Welcome to our service  
Christmas Eve 2023**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent:  
Jesus: Light for the World**

**Whether you come here regularly,  
or are a visitor,  
we are glad that you can be with us today,  
and hope you'll join us after the service  
in the hall for coffee and fellowship.**

Church website: [penicuiktrinitycommunity.church](http://penicuiktrinitycommunity.church)

### **TCC PRAYER MEETING**

is normally on **Sunday evenings at 7.15pm**,  
in the hall, and will resume on **31<sup>st</sup> December**.

**COFFEE AND CHAT at TCC**  
**Every Thursday, 10am till noon,**  
**resumes Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

In the church hall at the foot of Kirkhill  
All welcome: come regularly or once in a while;  
come for 10 minutes, or stay all morning.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the  
provision of Christmas hampers this year. We are so  
happy and thankful that so many of our community  
rose to the occasion to help us and we were able to  
fulfil the requests which were needed  
(from Jan Naylor, [Foodstore@PNK](mailto:Foodstore@PNK))

### **NEW CHAIRS**

Thanks to all who volunteered to transfer the new  
chairs for the church from the delivery pallets to the  
church – all done in 30 minutes...and it stayed dry!

### **RENEW 26**

Thursdays 2-4pm Glencorse Centre  
Fridays 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk.  
Continuing as usual over Christmas and New Year.  
**A quiet shared space where it's OK not to be OK**  
Contact one of the hosts on 07956738481  
or at [renewtwentysix@gmail.com](mailto:renewtwentysix@gmail.com)

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Please let us know if you would like a telephone call,  
or know of anyone else who does.  
Please phone Margaret Webster 672347

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- 11.30pm** ***Christmas Eve***  
**Watchnight Service**  
*(Hot drinks from 11pm)*
- 10.30am** ***Christmas Day***  
**Christmas Morning Celebration**
- 11.00am** ***Hogmanay / New Year's Eve***  
**Joint Service at Penicuik North Kirk**
- 11.00am** ***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January***  
**Morning service in the church**

**Thereafter, Sunday services may be in the hall,  
depending on when work starts on the church  
floor.**

**You are welcome to attend any of the services.**