

## WELCOME and NOTICES

### OPENING MUSIC: Thorn and Thistle

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Dsw1l3yj3go>

To a world of thorn and thistle,  
shadowed still by Eden's fall,  
on a night so unexpected enters the Lord of all.

In a cold and stony manger,  
swaddled in a linen cloth,  
into darkness, into danger, born now is Heaven's Love.

*Holy hands with fragile fingers,  
our redemption in His veins.  
To a world of thorn and thistle Jesus came.*

Child of Heaven, Man of Sorrows--  
bitter is the earth's betrayal.  
Soon our pride will be the hammer,  
my sin will be the nail.

*Holy hands with fragile fingers...*

*(Bridge)* See how a rose is blooming,  
breaks through the hardened ground;  
sweet fragrance fills the winter air,  
its thorn a Saviour's crown.

*Oh rejoice! He comes to rescue,  
our redemption in His veins.*

*To a world of thorn and thistle Jesus came.*

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Music; Tony Wood Songs*

### OFFERING PRAYER

#### THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

*(based on Isaiah 11: 1-3)*

One: A new bud will grow from the stump of a tree,  
so a new king will come from the family of  
Jesse.

All: The Lord's Spirit will rest on him—  
giving understanding, wisdom and insight  
He will be powerful,  
and he will know and honour the Lord.  
His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord.

### SONG: Come, thou long expected Jesus (Celtic Worship)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/5lwtbnU-1Tw>

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*[Instrumental]*

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*Charles Wesley (1707-88) (Public Domain)*

### PRAYER

#### ALL-AGE SPOT (from 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

### SONG: God looks at the heart

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Gg7wzRqXjJA>

*Join in with the chorus only:*

God looks at the heart, not what's outside,  
He sees the truth we cannot hide.  
Young or small, strong or smart—  
God chooses those with a faithful heart!

*Unknown © [New Christian Bible Songs for Kids?]*

### CHILDREN LEAVE FOR KIDSPACE

BIBLE READING (Reader: Margaret Webster)  
Isaiah 8:19-9:2, 6-7 (New Living Translation)

### REFLECTIONS

### SONG: Your labour is not in vain

Watch video <https://youtu.be/bPi3Kf7Dorw>

Your labour is not in vain  
though the ground underneath you  
is cursed and stained.

Your planting and reaping are never the same,  
but your labour is not in vain.

Your labour is not unknown  
though the rocks they cry out  
and the sea it may groan.

The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
but your labour is not unknown.

*I am with you, I am with you,  
I am with you, I am with you,  
For I have called you, called you by name:  
your labour is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;  
the fields will sing out  
and rejoice with the truth.  
For all that is old will at last be made new:  
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

*I am with you...*

The houses you labour to build  
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
and all that is broken be healed.

*I am with you...*

*I am with you...*

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### 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: The Lord is my Salvation!**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/9oD5h4Oovi0>

The grace of God has reached for me  
and pulled me from the raging sea  
and I am safe on this solid ground.  
The Lord is my salvation!

I will not fear when darkness falls;  
his strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun.  
The Lord is my salvation!

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
strong to save, faithful in love;  
my debt is paid and the vict'ry won.  
The Lord is my salvation!*

My hope is hidden in the Lord:  
he flow'rs each promise of His word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come.  
The Lord is my salvation!

In times of waiting, times of need,  
when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days.  
The Lord is my salvation!

*Who is like the Lord our God?...*

And when I reach my final day,  
he will not leave me in the grave,  
but I will rise, He will call me home.  
The Lord is my salvation!

*Who is like the Lord our God?...*

Glory be to God the Father!  
Glory be to God the Son! Glory be to God the Spirit!  
The Lord is our salvation! *(repeat entire stanza)*  
The Lord is our salvation! (x2)

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of the Lion*

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING MUSIC: There is a hope**

Watch video [https://youtu.be/sx\\_iz8vajjU](https://youtu.be/sx_iz8vajjU)

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
that gives me strength for every passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven,  
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!

Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
he whispers 'Courage' in my ear  
for I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.

*[Instrumental]*

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
when I behold his face!

*When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.*

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**Next week: Advent 3**

**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 back of the church.

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



**Welcome to our service today,  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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

**We hope you'll stay after the service  
for tea/coffee and fellowship in the hall.**

**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](http://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church)  
**TCC PRAYER MEETING**  
**Tonight at 7.15 in the hall. All welcome**

### **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**

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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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10am till midday at PNK hall (or contact Jan Naylor direct).

### **FOOD FACTS FRIENDS: Midlothian Toy Appeal**

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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.

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**7.30pm: PCT at St James the Less**

### ***A Light in the Darkness***

This is a service for anyone who may find the Christmas season to be a challenging or difficult time of year, because of bereavement, loneliness or for any other reason.

Whether you have lost a loved one in recent times or sometime ago, or if something else makes this season difficult for you, you and your family would be very welcome to come along to this time of quiet reflection.

Please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who may find it helpful.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Invite your neighbours – bring along your friends.**

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

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### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. It's not too late to donate gifts of toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks and suchlike. If you'd like to help, speak to Joan or just bring along your gift no later than next Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>)

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Fridays 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk

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

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