

WELCOME and NOTICES

OPENING MUSIC: Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/7VpYAi9i6hY?list=RD7VpYAi9i6hY>

My soul magnifies the Lord!

My spirit rejoices in God!

My Saviour has seen His servant in need
and behold the great things He has done.

He scatters the proud and rich;

He lifts up the humble and weak.

The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones
and the hungry He welcomes to feast.

*Oh, behold, my Saviour has come,
and my soul will tell of His praise!*

*For He who is strong has come to the weak
and, at last, He will reign as our King-- of Peace.*

From now to the end of time
the nations will know me as blest,
for God has made new His promise of love
and mercy through Abraham's seed.

Oh, behold, my Saviour has come...

Oh, my soul, magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord!

*Oh, behold, my Saviour has come,
and my soul will tell of His praise!*

Oh, behold, my Saviour has come... (full refrain)

Oh, my soul, magnify the Lord, magnify the Lord.

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OFFERING PRAYER

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY (Call from Luke 2: 8-11)

One: Shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem.

All: They were taking turns watching their flock during the night.

One: An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them;
The glory of the Lord filled the area with light,
and they were terrified.

**All: The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid!
I have good news for you,
a message that will fill everyone with joy.
Today your Saviour, the Messiah the Lord,
was born in David's city.**

SONG: Joy to the world

Watch video <https://youtu.be/FLURukXoht8>

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her king;

let every heart prepare him room

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns:

your sweetest songs employ,

while fields and streams, and hills and plains,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness,

the wonders of his love,

the wonders of his love,

the wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) (Public Domain)

PRAYER

ALL-AGE SPOT

SONG: Born to bring us joy

Watch video <https://youtu.be/7x8Y2ai2NiE>

The angels echoed through the sky
the night that Jesus was born
to tell the world the Lord has come--
born to bring us joy!

The shepherds, hearing their song that night,
came running from Bethlehem's hills
to kneel before the baby boy--
born to bring us joy!

Singing joy! Joy! Joy to the world!

for Jesus our Saviour is born!

Joy! Joy! Joy to the world!

He is born to bring us joy!

A bright new star lit up the sky
the night that Jesus was born
to tell the world the Lord has come--
born to bring us joy!

The wise men, seeing the star that night,
came running from faraway lands
to kneel before the baby boy--
born to bring us joy!

Singing joy! Joy! Joy to the world...

Like the angels and the star
that testified that night,
I will sing and I will shine
so all can come to Christ!

Singing joy! Joy! Joy to the world...

[Singing] joy! Joy! Joy to the world...

Joy to the world! (x3)

He is born to bring us joy!

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BIBLE READING (Reader: Ian Dickson)

Exodus 3: 1-10 (New English Translation)

Hebrews 11: 23-27 (Good News Bible)

REFLECTIONS

SONG: In the bleak midwinter

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ny93KhQ06MI>

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:

in the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim throng'd the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

if I were a wise man, I would do my part,

yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-94) (Public Domain)

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES
(led by Ann Dunsire)

**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: Hark! the herald angels sing (Celtic Worship)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/LNOFRBdNC1E?t=58>

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."*
Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Hark! the herald angels sing...*
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing...
Emmanuel! (cadenza) Hark! the herald angels sing...
Charles Wesley (1707-88) (Public Domain)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: Make Room

Watch video <https://youtu.be/0HYkrw8cLKl>

A family hiding from the storm
found no place at the keeper's door;
it was for this a Child was born
to save a world so cold and hollow.
The sleeping town did not know
that lying in a manger low
a Saviour King who had no home
has come to heal our sorrows.

*Is there room in your heart (x3)
for God to write His story?*

Shepherds, counting sheep at night,
do not fear the glory light:
you are precious in His sight--
God has come to raise the lowly.

*Is there room in your heart (x3)
for God to write His story?
You can come as you are,
but it may set you apart,
when you make room in your heart
and trade your dreams for His glory.
Make room in your heart...
Make room in your heart.*

Mother holds the Promise tight:
every wrong will be made right;
the road is straight and the burden's light,
for in His hands He holds tomorrow.

Is there room in your heart...

Make room in your heart... (x2)

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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 14th 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.**

Next week: Nativity Service for Advent 4

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

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.

NOTE: we are taking a break over the holidays.

No Coffee and Chat on Dec 25th and Jan 1st

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.

RENEW 26

Fridays 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk

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

Email: renewtwentysix@gmail.com

PENICUIK ALPHA

Starts Saturday 17th January 2026

10.30am at Penicuik North Church

All welcome – details from John Urquhart

Unpack the Christian faith together

We are sorry to report the death this week of

Graham Bell. His funeral service will be in January.

Please pray for his family and friends.

CAROL SINGING IN THE PRECINCT

20th December 10.30 – noon

All welcome to join in or just listen.

Service time next week (Sunday 21st December)

is 11am as usual, NOT as in the newsletter.

However this Nativity Service will not be normal!!!

We'd like as many of you as possible to come along with some sort of basic costume appropriate to one of the main parts: Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, innkeepers (male and female), a donkey (and any other animals which might have been in the stable) and of course some stars. Nothing complicated - a simple headdress or prop will be fine. This means that we will have several Marys, Josephs, innkeepers etc – that's all just part of the fun.

See December's TCNews for some ideas!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24th

4.30 Christmas Eve service

11.30: Watchnight service(mince pies from 11.00pm)

Christmas Day

10.30 am (note time)

December 28th

No service in TCC

Joint service in PNK – 11am

January 4th

TCC – usual time of 11.00am

See details of all the other Christmas services in

Penicuik in TCNews and on the

Penicuik Churches Together website