

OPENING MUSIC: How Long, O Lord, How Long?

(Ps 13)

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

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

O Lord, our God, to You we come.

Will You still hide Your face?

We cry before You and on our knees we pray:

‘How long, O Lord, how long?’

Our sorrows leave us weak and worn,
surrounded by our fears;
we look to heaven through feeble faith and tears:
how long, O Lord, how long?

*Till Your glory fills our eyes
and our faith is turned to sight,
till our thirsty souls are satisfied.
How long, O Lord, how long?*

Our foes and enemies rejoice,
injustice seems to reign.

Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength.

How long, O Lord, how long?

Till Your glory fills our eyes.... [Instrumental]

But we will trust Your steadfast love--

Your grace will be our song.

You bring new mercies with ev’ry rising sun.

How long, O Lord, how long?

Till Your glory fills our eyes.... (rpt last line)

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WELCOME and NOTICES

OFFERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 8: 35,37)

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution
or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

All: **No, in all these things
we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

SONG: Great is thy faithfulness

Watch video <https://youtu.be/r4ox4es1jo8>

‘Great is thy faithfulness’, O God my father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

*‘Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!’
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided-
‘Great is thy faithfulness’, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.’

‘Great is thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

‘Great is thy faithfulness...

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PRAYER

ALL-AGE SPOT

SONG: The steadfast love of the Lord

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

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,
great is thy faithfulness.

Edith McNeill © 1974, 1975 Celebration

SONG: How Long, O Lord, How Long? (Ps 13)

See OPENING MUSIC for the words.

BIBLE READING (Reader: Heather Nicholas)

Ruth 1: 1-22 (New Revised Standard Version UK)

REFLECTIONS

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

SONG: He will hold me fast

Watch video <https://youtu.be/SxwsHv9dII8>

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
for my Saviour loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast....

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast....

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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: I will sing the wondrous story

Watch video <https://youtu.be/HQLLcxbOH4A>

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me.
how he left his home in glory
for the cross of Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
threw his loving arms around me,
drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me;
faint was I from many a fall;
sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
but he freed me from them all.

Days of darkness still come o'er me,
sorrow's paths I often tread,
but the Saviour still is with me;
by his hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet;
then he'll bear me safely over,
all my joys in him complete.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: God moves in a mysterious way

Watch video <https://youtu.be/1mP28hdlcT8>

God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill,
he treasures up his bright designs
and works his sovereign will.

Take courage now, you fearful saints,
the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break
in blessings on your head.

*And I will trust
the hands that made the starry heavens;
and I will trust
the wounds of Calvary;
and I will trust
and I will not be afraid,
for all his ways are love.*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace.
Behind a frowning providence,
he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

And I will trust...

And I will trust...

For all his ways are love...

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Next week: Ruth 2

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



**Welcome to our service today,
Sunday 25th January 2026**

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.**

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.

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 2nd February, 2pm in the hall

Project Bear Necessities Build My Church Bulgaria

Cathy Reece/ Christina Ross

TYBG (TUESDAY YOUTH BIBLE GROUP)

Most Tuesday evenings in term-time, 7pm-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).

PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL SU GROUP

We are looking for volunteers to help with this on Wednesday lunchtimes (1 – 1.45pm) on a rota basis (two-weekly or monthly). Please contact Ann Dunsire (see above for details)

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.

DEATH OF MEMBERS

Ellen Armstrong died on 4th January, aged 91 years.
Her funeral service has been set for 12.30pm on Friday 30th January at Mortonhall Pentland Chapel.
Please remember her family in your prayers.

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

RENEW 26

Fridays 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk
A café style space where it's ok not to be ok
Email: reneventwentsix@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

Afternoon tea for 'newcomers'

Saturday 7th February, 2.30pm in the hall

If you are a member who has recently joined us, or who has come back to church recently, or if you have been coming to church and are not a member, this afternoon is for you.

Don't wait for an invitation – just turn up to this opportunity to meet people, ask questions, and enjoy a cuppa in good company.

We're also looking for offers of help with tea and baking – please speak to Neil Cape (674276)

PENICUIK ALPHA

Saturdays, 10.30am at Penicuik North Church

All welcome – details from John Urquhart
(07821 402 901)

A chance to unpack the Christian faith together

BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUPS

Our Bible Study/House Groups, are open to all who are interested: each has its own way of doing things, but all involve reading a passage of scripture, taking time to discuss it and the questions it raises, in relation to our daily lives.

All of these groups would welcome new members, whether new to Bible study or "old hands".

Full details on the notice board and in TC News.

COMFORT INTERNATIONAL

A copy of the annual report on their work in Rwanda is now available to read on the church website.

Heriot-Watt University: Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture 2026 (Monday 2nd February 6pm)

'The God of small things' Prof Russell Cowburn
(University of Cambridge).

Details are on the church website.