

WELCOME and NOTICES

OPENING MUSIC: Love Shone Down (I had a dream)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/XbqyAX5JKCs>

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,
and all the lights of town were shining far below,
when up in the air beautiful voices:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh, and Love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys.
Oh, and Love shone down over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel.
He said: 'There's something that I think you ought to
know.'

Then he just smiled, said: 'Don't be afraid now;
sing a new song, let everyone know.'

Oh, and Love shone down...

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
how to find him, where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh, and Love shone down...

Well, did I dream or was I really on that hillside,
on that Christmas night so very long ago?
When he was born, Jesus our Saviour:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh, and Love shone down...

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FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

(based on Luke 1:78-79)

One: You, our God, are merciful and tender.

**All: From the highest heaven, you have sent
your promised King and Saviour
He is like the sun rising on us.**

One: He shines on those who live in darkness
and in death's shadow.

**All: He guides our feet
into the way of peace.**

PRAYER WITH OFFERING

SONG: See him lying on a bed of straw

Watch video https://youtu.be/V_kwvn8G1wE

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me ...

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

O now carry me...

Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me...

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THE SCRATCH NATIVITY (including carols below)

SONG: Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/UO-i4in0fVQ>

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...

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and my soul will tell of His praise!

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

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SONG: Let me tell you about a baby

Watch video <https://youtu.be/-q79p9T7ImU>

Let me tell you about a baby and his family:
it is written down in the Bible,
so you might believe.

Many men had told of his coming
down through history.
Now the time had come for fulfilment
of their prophecy.

*And they called his name Jesus, Jesus, the Saviour.
And they called his name Jesus,
Son of the Most High God. (x2)*

There was once a young girl called Mary,
only in her teens.

She was visited by an angel sent to Galilee,
and he told her she'd have a baby –
how, she couldn't see –
yet it was her will to obey him, so it was agreed.

And they called his name Jesus...

Well in those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree,
And so, Mary went with her husband
where they had to be.
There was nowhere else but a stable
where they both could sleep.
It was there that she had her baby,
born for you and me.

And they called his name Jesus....

Mark & Helen Johnson © 1994 Out of the Ark

SONG: Away in a manger

Watch video https://youtu.be/Qa7Jj_AZU8U

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

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SONG: While shepherds watched ('Ilkley Moor')

Watch video <https://youtu.be/gkUGOya66Bo>

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, (x2)
and glory shone around. (x3)

'Fear not!' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind).

'Glad tidings of great joy I bring (x2)
to you and all mankind. (x3)

'To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; (x2)
and this shall be the sign: (x3)

'The heav'nly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, (x2)
and in a manger laid.' (x3)

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus (x2)
addressed their joyful song: (x3)

'All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from Heav'n to men (x2)
begin and never cease.' (x3)

Nahum Tate (1652-1715) from Luke 2 (Public Domain)

SONG: Lord, you were rich

Watch video <https://youtu.be/9XgqgpHr26U>

Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
thrones for a manger did surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

Lord, you are God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man,
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heav'nwards, by your eternal plan:
Lord, you are God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man.

Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
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F Houghton (1894-1972) © OMF & this version Jubilate Group

BIBLE READING (Reader: Margaret Carr)
Luke 2: 8-15 (Christian Standard Bible UK)

SHORT REFLECTION

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES
(led by Susan Wong)

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE CONTINUES ON INSERT

Penicuik Trinity Community Church
(Church of Scotland)



Welcome to our service today,
Sunday 21st 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 Sunday:
Joint Service at Penicuik North Kirk at 11am

Sunday January 4th: TCC at 11am

KIDSPACE

The children will stay in church today –
there will be some activities available for them
up at the back –for your use

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.

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THE BLESSING**CLOSING MUSIC: Wexford Carol**

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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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (all here in the church)

Christmas Eve all age celebration: 4.30pm

Watchnight service: 11.30pm
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TYBG (TUESDAY YOUTH BIBLE GROUP)

Are taking a break until Tuesday 13th January
Contact Ann or Andrew Dunsire for further details
(07974 605590 / 07580 593504).

COFFEE AND CHAT at TCC

Normally on Thursdays in the hall, 10am-12noon
However, we are taking a break over the holidays:
on Dec 25th and Jan 1st there will be no coffee and chat

THANK YOU

to all who supported last week's Kevoch Choir concert,
where donations for the Broomhill Day Centre
came to the magnificent total of £691.

FUNERAL

We are sorry to report the death of **Graham Bell**.
His funeral service will be on Friday 9th January
at 12noon in the church. There will be a short
ceremony thereafter at Mortonhall Pentland Chapel.
Please pray for his family and friends.

PENICUIK ALPHA

Starts Saturday 17th January 2026
10.30am at Penicuik North Church
All welcome – details from John Urquhart
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RENEW 26

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