

## WELCOME and NOTICES

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

Watch video <https://youtu.be/XbgvAX5JKCs>

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...*

Andy Piercy & Chas de Whalley © 1995 IQ Music

### 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](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...*

Michael Perry (1942-96) © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns

### 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](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.  
*Unknown, v. 3: JT McFarland? (Public Domain)*

**SONG: While shepherds watched ('Ilkley Moor')**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/qkUGOva66Bo>

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'ly 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/9XgqqpHr26U>

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)**



**TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**



**Peace**

**Welcome to our service today,  
Sunday 21<sup>st</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.**

**Next Sunday:  
Joint Service at Penicuik North Kirk at 11am**

**Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>: 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/FiF4jNKrdZA>

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)*

## **THE BLESSING**

### **CLOSING MUSIC: Wexford Carol**

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no coffee and chat

**THANK YOU**

to all who supported last week's Kevock Choir concert,  
where donations for the Broomhill Day Centre  
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**FUNERAL**

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

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Unpack the Christian faith together!

**RENEW 26**

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