

OPENING MUSIC: Make Room

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

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

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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WELCOME and NOTICES

LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 45: 6-7, Hebrews 1: 8-9)

One: O God, your throne is eternal;
you will rule your kingdom
with the sceptre of justice.

All: **You have loved what is right
and hated what is evil;
That is why God, your God,
has anointed you with the oil of joy
and lifted you above your companions.**

SONG: Child in the manger

Watch video <https://youtu.be/qc9QfoY8Zbw>

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy Child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;
angels behold him on his throne;
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
happy forever are his own.

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PRAYER

ALL-AGE SPOT: Tuesday Youth Bible Group

- VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/exQSFGlabrc>
- FUTURE PLANS: Ann Dunsire

SONG: Make Room

See OPENING MUSIC for the words.

BIBLE READINGS (Reader: Margaret Carr)

Genesis 3: 8-15 (Christian Standard Bible)

Revelation 12: 1-9, 17 (Christian Standard Bible)

REFLECTIONS: The Seed of the Woman

SONG: The Christmas Song

Watch video <https://youtu.be/4k4NmYz1MNo?list=PL-o409O6IoxA6QABfyC8FQwUOBzpDNx-C>

For God so loved this broken world
with all its sadness, all its pain.
He sent his one and only Son
to take our guilt and bear our shame.

So long ago in Bethlehem
angels appeared to working men:
"Joy to the world from heaven above!"
Proclaim the birth of Christ the King.

And that's what Christmas is all about:
this new-born baby in the hay
is Jesus Christ and he has come to us
to drive the darkness far away.

This Child would crush the serpent's head
and grow to conquer sin and death.
This Christ would die in agony
then rise in power and victory.

And that's what Christmas is all about:
the Son of God became a man
to live a sinless life we couldn't live;
to die the death that we deserve.

"All glory to the Lord on High!"
sang angel choirs which filled the sky.
There's now no need to be afraid
when you believe in Jesus' name.

And that's what Christmas is all about:
God's great compassion for the lost.
When we were powerless to save ourselves,
God sent His own beloved Son.

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PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Neil Cape)

**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

Watch video <https://youtu.be/1IGP68i3JvU>

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...

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) (Public Domain)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: Mary Consoles Eve

Watch video <https://youtu.be/oxAi034nIP4>

Eve, my sister, the one who took the fall;
Eve, my sister, mother of us all,
lift up your head!
Don't hide your blushing face!
The promised One is finally on His way.

Almost, not yet, already... (x2)

Eve, it's Mary-- now I'm a mother too.
The child I carry, a promise coming true.
This baby comes to save us from our sin:
a servant King, His kingdom without end.

Almost, not yet, already... (x2)

He comes to make his blessings flow,
as far and wide as the curse is found.
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Almost, not yet, already... (x4)

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**Next week: Advent 4
Nativity service**

PRAYER

If you would like prayer for anything, members
of the prayer team will be available
at the back of the church at the end of the service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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.



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

Sunday 15th December

Third Sunday in Advent



**Whether you come here regularly,
haven't been for a while or are a visitor,
we are glad that you can be with us today.**

**Please joins us in the hall
for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.**

Church website
www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

TCC PRAYER MEETING

This evening as usual: 7.15pm in the small hall.
All welcome – just come along.

PASTORAL CARE

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