

The opening song words are on the enclosed sheet

WELCOME and NOTICES

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 9: 2, 4a, 6-7, CSB*)

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: A light has dawned
on those living in the land of darkness.**

One: For you have shattered their oppressive yoke
and the rod on their shoulders.

**All: For a child will be born for us,
a son will be given to us,
and the government will be on his shoulders.**

One: He will be named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**All: He will reign on the throne of David
and over his kingdom,
to establish and sustain it
with justice and righteousness
from now on and forever.**

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SONG: See him lying on a bed of straw (Calypso Carol) 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 to Bethlehem...

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 to Bethlehem...

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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PRAYER

READING: Luke 1: 26-38a (New Century Version)

Reader: Heather Nicholas

SONG: My soul is filled with joy

Watch video <https://youtu.be/uILEUS4fyQg>

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my saviour:
you have looked upon your servant,
you have visited your people.

And holy is your name through all generations!

Everlasting is your mercy

*to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.*

I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed.

And holy is your name...

I proclaim the pow'r of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud-hearted
and destroy the might of princes.

And holy is your name...

To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen.

And holy is your name...

In your love you now fulfil
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my saviour,
everlasting is your mercy.

And holy is your name...

David Haas (b. 1957) © 1989, GIA

READING: Luke 2: 1-7 (Christian Standard Bible)

Reader: Ian Dickson

SONG: In the bleak midwinter

Watch video https://youtu.be/1_R3GPkDeM

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 thronged 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)

READING: Luke 2: 8-20 (Christian Standard Bible)

Reader: Ian Dickson

SONG: Angels from the realms of glory

Watch video <https://youtu.be/LwROXYh5klw>

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come, come and worship, worship Christ the King.

*Come, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light.
Come, come and worship...

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star.
Come, come and worship...

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear.
Come, come and worship...
James Montgomery (1771-1854) (Public Domain)

DRAMA: CHRISTMAS FAMILY FORTUNES by Lesley Crawford

READING: 1 John 1: 1-10 (Easy-to-Read Version)
Reader: John Urquhart

REFLECTIONS

SONG: Hark! the herald angels sing
Watch video <https://youtu.be/LN0FRBdNC1E?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)
Charles Wesley (1707-88) (Public Domain)

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Caroline Toms)

**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: 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 world, 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.
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THE BLESSING

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

Sunday 22nd December

Fourth 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 join us in the hall
for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.**

Next Services:

Christmas Eve

4.30pm: All-age Christmas Eve Gathering
11.30pm: Watchnight Service (hot drinks from 11pm)

Christmas Day

10.30am: Christmas Morning Celebration

Sunday 29 December

11.00am: Joint Service at Penicuik North Kirk

OPENING MUSIC: Christmas Calypso

Watch video <https://youtu.be/6EYgvFdBaxM>

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.

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Instead you are encouraged to go along to
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
In St James the Less Church (7pm)
Come and join this annual celebration,
with the augmented church choir.

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

TUESDAY YOUTH BIBLE GROUP

will be running the new **Youth Alpha** series, starting
on **Tuesday 21st January**, meeting in the cafe area of
Penicuik North Church. More info to follow. For now,
if anyone is willing to be added to a rota to provide
food/drinks for the group, or interested in helping in
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COFFEE AND CHAT at TCC

No coffee and chat on the next two Thursdays
(Boxing Day and Jan 2nd)

RENEW 26 is taking a break in Christmas
and New Year's week. Normal service resumes
Thursday 9th Jan 2-4pm, Glencorse Centre
Friday 10th Jan 10am – noon, Penicuik North Kirk
A quiet shared space where it's OK not to be OK

Based around the 5 ways to wellbeing,
to promote good mental and emotional health.
There is a quiet space for prayer and meditation.

Email: renew26@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUPS

TCC has a number of Bible Study/House Groups,
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
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