

**Peacham Congregational Church**  
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*Interim Pastor, Nicole Klosterman*

*We are an Open and Affirming Church*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

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## **Order of January 4, 2026**

Rick Witt, Lay Leader - Rhoda Donovan, Message - Carol Fox, Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

**Many: God, help us find your glory.**

One: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

**Many: God, help us notice your glory.**

One: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

**Many: God, help us encounter your glory.**

One: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

**Many: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: #132 – “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

### **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Now share the Peace of Christ with one another. This can be done with a smile, a wave, or a handshake, and the words, Peace be with you.

### **Joys & Concerns**

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

### **Response**

***Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer O god.***

***Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace.***

### **Offering & Mission**

#### **Invitation to Generosity 2**

**God has initiated everything in creation and made us co-creators so that the world in which we live also bears our imprint. Let us proactively, intentionally, and generously create the world in which we want to live by being good and faithful stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure entrusted to our care.**

**Doxology #46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

### Prayer of Dedication<sup>1</sup>

**Creator, receive these offerings as we dedicate them to you and your kindom. Magnify them and continue to bless us so that we may collectively meet the needs and hopes of our community and world. Amen.**

### **Hymn #153 – “What Child is This”. Vs. 1-3**

Scripture:: Matthew 13:34-35, Hosea 12:10, John 1:1-18

Message – - Rhoda Donovan

### **Closing Hymn #258 – “Morning Has Broken”**

#### Responsive Benediction by Rhoda

As you go out today, consider that within you and within each life is the spark of the eternal one. It is the same light that is present in the parables. Look for this light within you; it will light your path.

**Kindness, goodness, and the love we've always needed is eternal, Divine, present and alive. It is the light of God, Allah, Hashem, and Soul. It is ours to accept, honor, and share.**

### **Response #345– God Be with You Til We Meet Again, vs. 1**

Postlude -

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### **Announcements**

January 4, 2026

1/11/26 9:30 a.m. Lay Service  
Renewal of Baptism

1/18/26 9:30 a.m. Nicole Klosterman  
Communion with Carol Fox

1/25/26 9:30 a.m. Nicole Klosterman

**Rhoda Donovan** is giving the message today. Rhoda Donovan has lived in Peacham on and off, long seeing it as home. She has been a counselor, teacher, life coach & chaplain. She looks forward to speaking with you.

Communion has been postponed until Jan. 18.

The Mission Committee has been in touch with the Open Door in Danville (food shelf) and they have come up with a set rotation of weekly donations, This week we are sending **CHEESE**, but next week being the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, we will ask for **BUTTER**. The following will be the regular rotation going forward:

1st Sunday Bread  
2nd Sunday Butter  
3rd Sunday Cheese (8-oz blocks)  
4th Sunday Eggs  
[5th Sunday Cheese]

The Mission for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Jan.-Feb.-Mar.) is **Hunger Free Vermont.**

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<sup>1</sup> Written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

## **Information about Peacham Congregational Church**

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor.....Nicole Klosterman (802)-227-4956

Email: [peachamchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:peachamchurchpastor@gmail.com)

*Please contact Nicole to schedule a visit or call.*

*Mon - availability varies*

*Tues 11 am - 2:30 pm*

*Weds - unavailable*

*Thurs - availability varies*

*Fri 9-11 am*

*Here is a link to schedule a pastoral care visit with*

*Nicole: <https://calendly.com/peachamchurchpastor/30min>*

Email: [peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com](mailto:peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com) for general inquiries

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| Church Admin.....                          | Patty Gardner | Treasurer.....     | Bruce Westcott     |
| Collector.....                             | Ann Goss      | Accompanist .....  | Bruce Westcott     |
| Sexton.....                                | Jeff Lane     | Web Ministry ..... | Jonathan R. Potter |
| Church Council President & Moderator ..... |               |                    | John Marshall      |

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy, Patty Gardner,  
Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

132

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,  
 (1.) A - des - te fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
 we would em - brace thee with love and awe;  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;  
 ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
 Word of the E - ter - nal, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;  
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

WORDS: Latin: John Francis Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, c. 1743

ADESTE FIDELES  
 Irr. w. refrain

Though the translation of this Latin hymn by John Francis Wade is primarily that of the Oxford Movement's Frederick Oakeley, over sixteen different translations have been used in hymnals.

BIRTH

## 153 What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies the child in man-ger bare where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Give heed, draw near, for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

### *Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him praise, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1865, alt.; st. 2, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995  
MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

GREENSLEEVES  
87.87 w. refrain

(For author William Dix see 'As with Gladness.') GREENSLEEVES,  
a popular English ballad tune, was first sung to a love-song text.

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1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 of the wet gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931  
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

BUNESSAN  
 55.54D

Eleanor Farjeon, English Catholic author and poet, wrote this hymn at the request of Percy Dearmer, editor of the 1931 hymnbook *Enlarged Songs of Praise*.

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