

Peacham Congregational Church

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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 Worship

December 14, 2025

Lay Leaders - Carol Fox – Communion Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Christmas Prelude" -- Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Invitation to Worship

One: Joy is the gift God gives us
upon waking in the morning
to see beams of sun dance in dusty corners
or hear much needed rain, even on a leaky roof.

Many: **Joy is in the delight
of tiny precious things.**

One: Joy is the patience of Emmanuel
when petty disagreement
turns into great injustice
and change is slow to bend
towards what is right and good.

Many:

**Joy is in the small actions we take each day
to help righteousness and peace abound.**

Opening Hymn: # 134 – Joy to the World

Invocation (unison)

**Beloved, we come now seeking to recognize moments of delight when we feel
connected to you. We bring our fragmented hearts filled with good cheer, gentle
reverence, and utter amazement; we share our secret hopes, dependable comforts,
and cozy moments of advent peace. Rise up within us as we cherish the divinity of all
that is good.**

As air intensifies the hunger of fire,
May the thought of death
Breathe new urgency into our love of life.

As fire cleanses dross,
May the flame of passion
Burn away what is false.

Lighting the Candle of Joy - Choir Members

Reading 1. – Nancy Toney

Reading 2. – Ellie Blachly

Reading 3.- Carolyn Deasy

People:

**While the flame dances, we are one
in the miracle and beauty of its light.**

Anthem – Carols Around - Carl J. Nygard Jr.

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

Prayer of Peace & the Lord's Prayer

Peace before us

Congregational Response #278 – “Hear Our Prayer, O God”

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

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

Offering & Mission (CWS) Invitation to Generosity

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There is a simple joy to be found in sharing what we have. Give what you can, and delight in the joy your gift will bring.

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.

The message, “Angels of All Kinds,” was written by Leigh McCaffrey, Sermons for the Teeny, Tiny Church.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Precious God, take these gifts in the spirit they were given, with joy and love for our siblings around the world. Use what we have here to bring that relief where it is needed most.

Amen.

Hymn # 132 – O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38 or 26-45

Message: Angels of All Kinds –by Leigh McCaffrey, Read by Patty Gardner

The Lord's Supper - Sacrament of Communion – Carol Fox

Meditative Music

Hymn # 116 – People Look East, Vs. 1,2 & 4

Responsive Benediction

God, lead us from this time of prayer and reflection with dancing! Allow the joy within each one of us to shine upon those who suffer.

Let our light be magnified by your grace each and every day! Amen.

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

Postlude: –"Chestnuts Roasting" -- Torme and Wells (1946)



The Lord's Supper

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ, a banquet prepared for everyone. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith, all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and justice, are welcome here.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, Breath of peace, Giver of all life, Source of love that knows no boundaries. Your song of wisdom rang out before the world began; throughout the ages, your song of liberation has impregnated us with your hope for a world where those considered last and least are first and most; violence is overcome by the power of your ancient love; and, all siblings work together for peace.

We thank you for those who, like Mary and Elizabeth, have the strength and courage to give birth to your love in the world. We praise you that your everlasting light is shown to us in womb and tomb, in cradle and cross, in tenderness and compassion.

We join in the Advent prayer of all your people, "O Come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

And, as we wait and watch for your coming among us, we proclaim your goodness.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

God of hope, make this bread the means of our rebuilding, this cup the medium of our transformation,

this table the foundation of our renewal, and this community the place of our rebirth. Amen.

At this time, we remember Jesus, who on the night before he died, took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant; remember me."

Communion is served

May blessings find their way to us through God the creator and the coming Christ by the Holy Spirit. May the Lord help us grow our love for one another and for all. May the Divine strengthen our hearts in holiness so that we are ready for the joy that is to come. AMEN.

Announcements

December 14, 2025

Our 4th quarter mission is Church World Service. If you would like to donate to CWS please indicate on your check in the memo line "CWS".

The Danville Open Door Food Shelf is asking for **Pasta Sauce (Tomato)**.

Today, during Coffee Hour, we will hold an Informal Congregant informational Session. If you have any questions, bring them forward at that time.

We will hold two Christmas Eve Service on 12/24 :

4:15 pm – A Contemplative Christmas Vigil. More details will be forthcoming.

6:30 pm Family Service with Peacham Children singing and the Community Choir, as well as the church choir. A time for the children; the Christmas Story told by Scripture and Carols, ending with candlelight and singing Silent Night.

12/14/25	Lay Leaders – 3 rd Sunday of Advent Coffee Hour – Melissa Hough Advent participants: Choir Members
12/21/25	Nicole Klosterman – 4 th Sunday of Advent Coffee Hour – Susan Chandler Advent participants – The Surat Family

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Nicole's availability for scheduled visits:

Mon 1-2:30

Tues 11-2:30

Fri 8:45-11

Here is a link to schedule a 45 min pastoral care visit with Nicole using days listed above: <https://calendly.com/peachamchurchpastor/30min>

Nicole will be available the **Wednesday before Thanksgiving in the morning from 8-11.**

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: let earth her
 3. Christ rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; let fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. Georg Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

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This is Congregationalist Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 98.
 His free paraphrasing helped wean churchgoers from
 singing only literal renditions of the Psalms.


BIRTH

O Come, All Ye Faithful

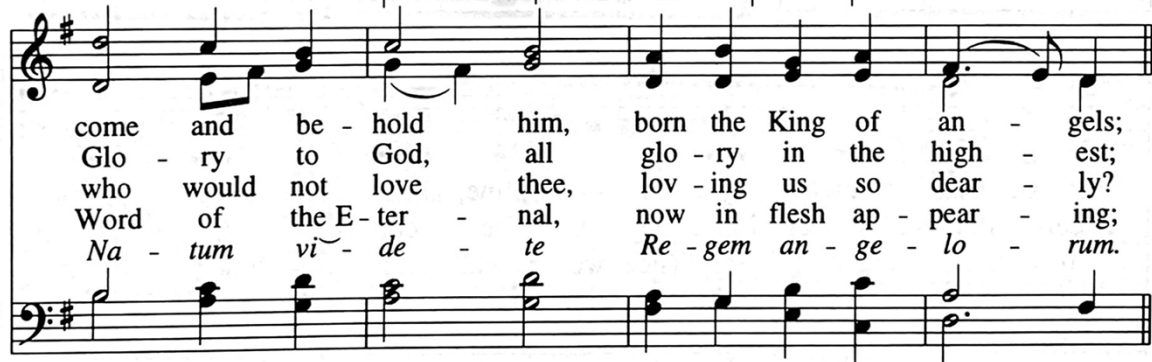
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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 (1.) A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



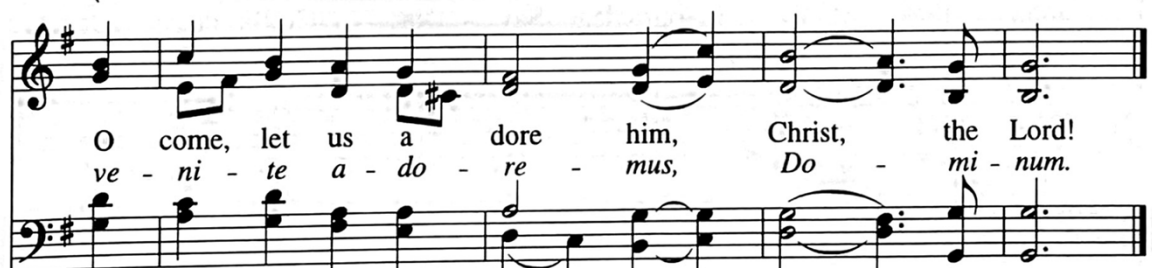
O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 we would em - brace thee with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
 ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.



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.

People, Look East

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

east and sing to - day -
 Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, *The Oxford Book of Carols*, 1928
 MUSIC: French carol; harm. Barry Rose, 1980

English Catholic Eleanor Farjeon's words are set to the
 tune of an energy-filled carol from the Besançon area of
 France (near Switzerland).

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