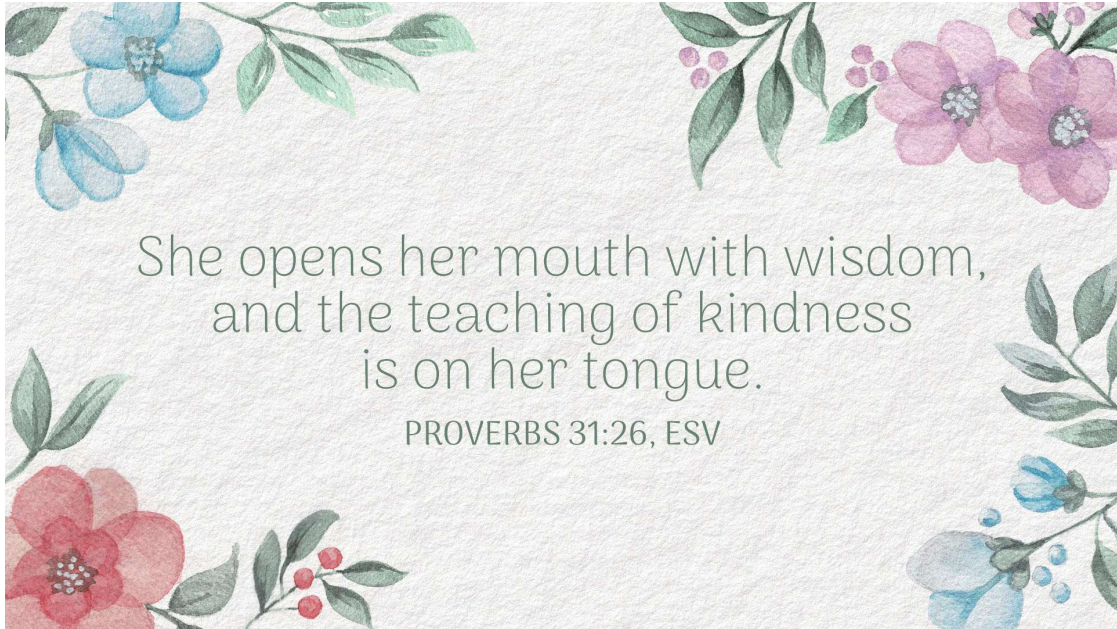


Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Speaker: John Morris

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
May 10, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Skylark and Nightingale" John Ireland (1879-1962)

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #27: "Now Thank We all Our God"

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.

Anthem: "A Time For All Things" Douglas E. Wagner

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

Response

***Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer O God.
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace. Amen.***

Offering & Mission

Doxology #46

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. We offer these gifts to you as a sign of our love and dedication. Use them to bring hope and healing to our community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #391: "God Made from One Blood"

Scripture: Contemporary English Version of Ecclesiasticus 1:14-20 (also known as "Sirach")

Sermon: "Roots & Branches" – John Morris

Closing Hymn #237: "How Firm a Foundation"

Unison Benediction

**May the God who holds us tenderly in the palm of Her hand, comfort us.
May the God who feeds us tenderly, direct us.
May the God who loves us tenderly, bless us,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

Response #345: "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" (vs. 1)

Postlude: "Mother's Lullaby" Milton Weil (1897-1972)

Announcements May 10, 2026

Thank you to all who helped with the Community Supper on May 7! Also, thank you to all who came to share the meal!

On the third Sunday of each month, coffee hour is an opportunity to share updates and answer questions about what's happening at the Church. Our next conversation will take place on Sunday, May 17, and will focus on the Church's mission. The Mission Committee is re-imagining the quarterly missions and is looking for suggestions of local non-profit organizations to support. Please bring your ideas! If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at peachammeetinghouse.org/contact.

Our 2nd quarter mission is Heifer International. Heifer International believes that ending hunger and poverty begins with agriculture. Starting with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture given to a family, Heifer mentors that family in building a business and gaining access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living and continuously support their communities as they train the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and female business owners.

The Peacham Congregational Church collects food for the Danville Food Shelf every Sunday morning from 9-11 a.m. Food is collected in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. During the week, donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the green bins on the covered walkway outside the kitchen door. Please note that the Food Shelf cannot use food that is beyond the expiration date or that has been opened.

The Danville Open Door Food Shelf is asking for the following weekly rotation of donations: 1st Sunday -

2nd Sunday - Butter

3rd Sunday - Cheese (8oz. blocks)

4th Sunday - Eggs

[5th Sunday - Cheese]

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

May 17 – Ed Nilson, “Prayer is Not a Last Resort”

May 24 – Ed Nilson, “The Holy Spirit and Pentecost”

May 31 - Susan Chandler & Susan Derby with Alive and Well, a musical service with history of the sanctuary

Events:

May 26, 6:00 pm – Peacham Elementary School Spring Concert

Information about Peacham Congregational Church

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us online at peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday

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Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God almighty now be given;

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to God, the three-in-one, who reigns in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in all grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Melody, Johann Crüger, 1647

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Lutheran Martin Rinkart wrote this text during the Thirty Years' War when his home town, the walled city of Eilenburg, Saxony, became at times a refuge, at times a place of famine and pestilence. During one year Rinkart buried over four thousand people.

PRAISE TO GOD

God Made from One Blood

1. God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3. We learn through our fam - ilies how close - ness and trust
 4. Now give to each fam - ily in con - flict and storm
 5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in - clude

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 in - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just.
 a sense of your wis - dom and grace that trans - form
 the rac - es and view - points our fam - ilies ex - clude

com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 the in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles,
 sharp an - ger to in - sight which strength - ens the heart
 till peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 and makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
 of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

Presbyterian hymn-writer Thomas Troeger's words are set to a traditional Welsh ballad.

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How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 3. When through the deep waters I call you to go,
 4. "When through fier-y tri-als your path-way shall lie,
 5. "The souls that on Je-sus have leaned for re- pose

is laid for your faith in God's ex-cel-lent word!
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 the riv-ers of woe ov-er you shall not flow;
 my grace, all suf-fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply:
 I will not, I will not de-sert to their foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be near you, your trou-bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
 those souls, though all hell should en-deav-or to shake,

to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
 up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
 and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.
 your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.
 I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake!"

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: Early American melody from Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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This hymn, of anonymous English authorship, found its greatest success in America where it was sung to the tune FOUNDATION, particularly in southern Methodist and Baptist churches.

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