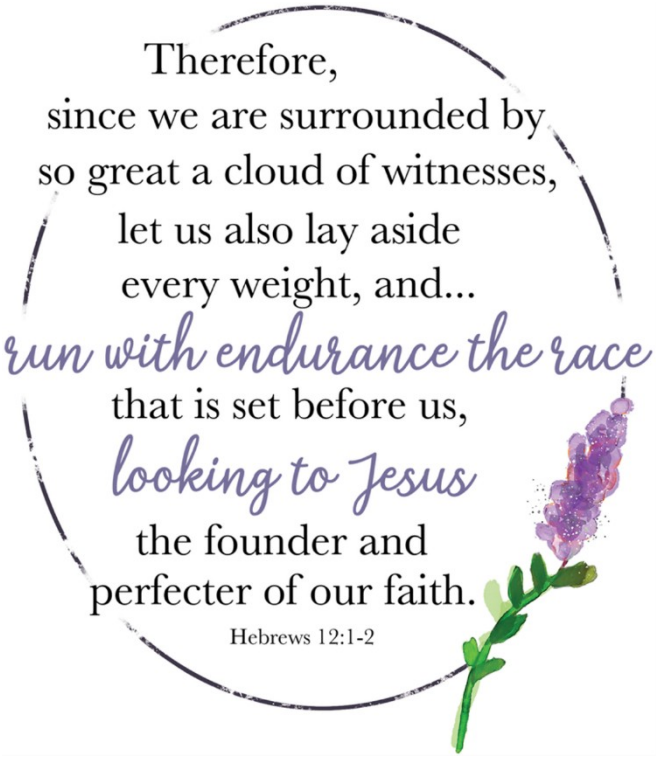
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Guest Speaker: John Morris

Lay Leader: Patty Gardner

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
November 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Ode to American Voters”

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

Opening Hymn #486: “For All the Saints” Vs. 1 & 2, 4 & 5

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication

> **Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line of our ledger. Yet you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, and justice. Amen. (Luke 16: 1-13)**

Hymn #450: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

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: "Here I am, Lord" - Choir

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-3

Message: "Invisible and Visible Companions" – John Morris

Closing Hymn #386: "We Are One in the Spirit"

Musical Benediction - Choir

*Response #345 "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" Vs. 1

Postlude: "Largo in the Style of Handel" Otto Barblan (1860 – 1943)

486 For All the Saints



WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal,* 1906

SINE NOMINE
10 10 10 w. alleluias

Ralph Vaughan Williams' stirring tune, written for All Saints Day, appeared first in *The English Hymnal* of 1906, for which he was music editor.



After saying this, what can we add?
If God is for us, who can be against us?

Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ –
can hardships or distress,
or persecution,
or lack of food and clothing,
or threats or violence?

No: we come through all these things triumphantly victorious,
by the power of God who loved us.

For I am certain of this:
neither death nor life,
nor angels,
nor principalities,
nothing already in existence and nothing still to come,
nor any power,
nor the heights nor the depths,
nor any created thing whatever,
will be able to come between us and the love of God,
known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Paul, in Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39, New Jerusalem Bible

Lead On, O King Eternal 449

1. Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home;
through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
with deeds of love and mercy,
the heavenly kingdom comes.

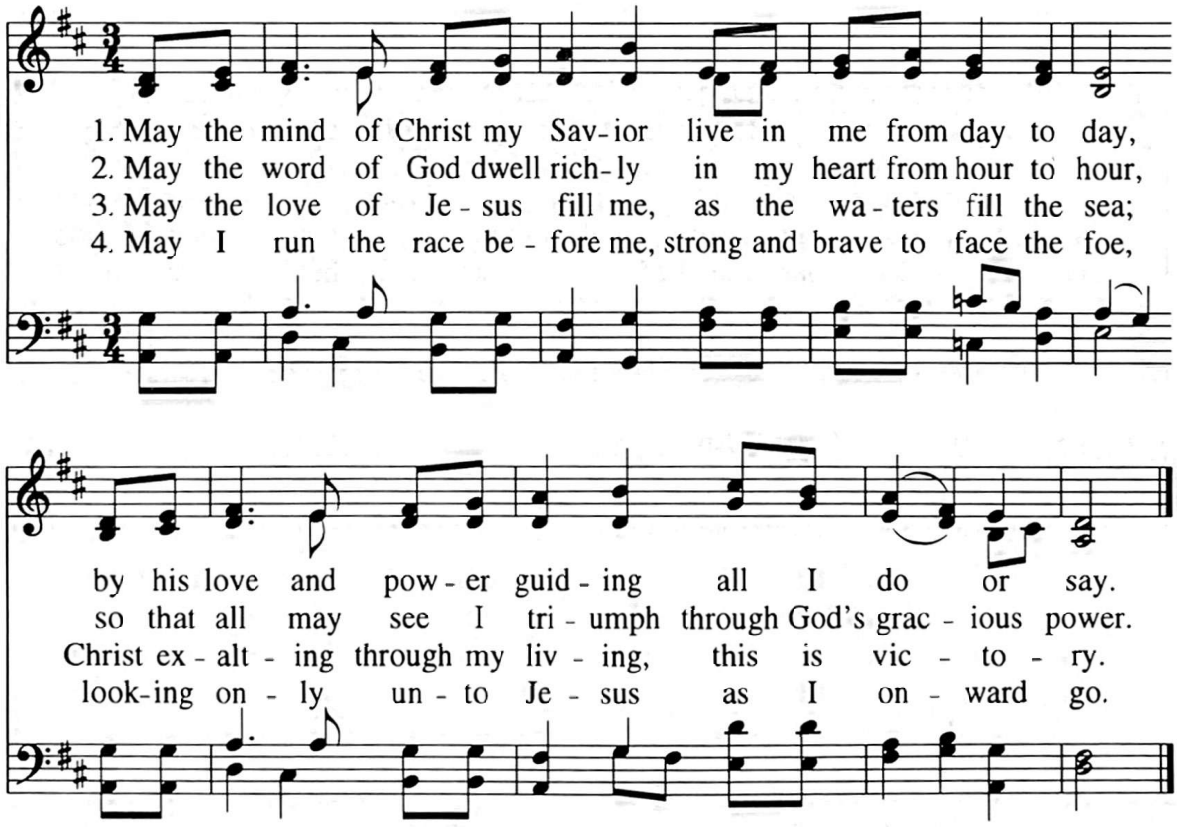
3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

WORDS: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

LANCASHIRE
76.76D

Congregationalist Ernest Shurtleff wrote this hymn on graduating from Andover Theological Seminary.

May the Mind of Christ My Savior 450



WORDS: Kate Barclay Wilkinson, (1859-1928), alt.
MUSIC: Keith Landis, 1994; harm. Alfred Fedak, 1994, alt.

KENILWORTH
87.85

In this simple prayer, we are invited to surrender ourselves to the indwelling Christ. The tune was written by Landis, editor of the hymnal *Songs for the People of God.*

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We Are One in the Spirit 386



WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

This is the promise as well as a reminder that the way we live in the world is our expression of the gospel message.

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 w. refrain

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PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
& MEETINGHOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

November 8, 2026

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

Peacham Congregational Church is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all who earnestly seek faith and fellowship in Christ to share in the life, leadership, ministry, membership, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church. We invite and welcome into our community persons of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure

How God is calling us to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of our community and congregation.
We believe that we must walk with all in our community, helping to bring it together at a time when divisiveness as well as economic, cultural and climate-related challenges are pulling us apart. Peacham is an exceptionally tight community, as the response to the July 2024 flood event showed, but many are lonely or shut-in, suffer from health conditions or feel excluded. We believe our Church has historically been and must continue to be a resource to promote community and reach out to those individuals in need of community support.

TODAY: Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. worship time, with Coffee Hour immediately following the service.

This morning we welcome John Morris as our speaker. Patty Gardner will lead the service.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS

The Annual Appeal is in full swing. Thank you to those who have already returned their pledge cards. We want to remind everyone that we would like to have them returned by November 15th so that the Business Committee can prepare next year's budget. Thanks you!

Search Committee Update

Our church profile is now posted on the UCC website and is advertising our pastoral opening. We will keep you all informed of any applications received.

MISSIONS

Our 4th quarter mission is **Church World Service.**

Following a natural disaster, CWS distributes kits with supplies like versatile blankets, cleaning agents, articles for hygiene, and other items immediately useful after a disaster

CWS helps refugees navigate the often unfriendly and confusing government "system" to help them settle and rebuild their lives in their new and unfamiliar country.

They teach farmers planting techniques that will make their crops less vulnerable to drought and floods.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

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

Upcoming Worship Schedule of Leaders & Speakers for October:

November 15, 2026 – Ed Nilson
November 22, 2026 – Susan Chandler (Historical Presentation)
November 29, 2026 – Nancy Fowler (First Sunday Advent)

Please Pray For:

Brady Nally	Paul Clemons & Family
Jenna Goguen	Anthony
Robin	Larry
Susan Chandler	

We received this message from Jenna Goguen on Friday: I am leaving for Dallas, Texas early Saturday (11/7/26) morning for two major surgeries next Tuesday on the 10th. I am asking for prayers from the congregation for my travels, my two surgeries and for my recovery. I will be home recovering for four months as I learn to walk again, and it takes up to two years for all the nerves to wake up. I have attached a fundraiser that my caregiver has started just so you can see what's going on with me. Pray for me please. I appreciate you and the church.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please reach out to Patty at peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com.

Attendance at Previous Church Services

September 20, 2026	22
September 27, 2026	18
October 4, 2026	35
October 11, 2026	20
October 18, 2026	25
October 25, 2026	19
November 1, 2026	29



Coffee Hour Hosts:
November 8: Melissa Hough



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
23rd – Julie Ann Morrison