

Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Speaker: David Bullock,
Lay Leaders: Rick Witt, John Marshall

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 October 11, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Veni, Sanctification" Massimo Scapin

Lighting of the Candles

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn #426: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Reading: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi Prayer for Peace

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20: 1-4, 12-20

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.

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

With these offerings, O God, we dedicate ourselves to showing love by our actions. May they be our witness in the world. Amen

**Psalm 23: Dominus Regit Me*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn #446: "I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

Hymn #446: "I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 3 & 4

Message: "It's Complicated" David Bullock

Unison Benediction

Go out into this beautiful and wonderful world and spread love. Celebrate all that is and all that God has made. Amen.

Response #345: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude: "Bourree #2" in C Major, JS Bach

*Please stand if able



PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
& MEETINGHOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

October 11, 2026

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

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

For general inquiries, email information@peachamchurch.org

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
Administrative Staff.....			Meghan Hovey, Emma Kaplan

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,
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.

October 29th – There will be a community meal in the Social Hall from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TODAY: Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. worship time, with Coffee Hour immediately following the service.

This morning we welcome **David Bullock**: David Bullock is a lifelong Episcopalian and is currently Lay Preacher and active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Newport.

He is Vice President of the Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont and serves on the Real Estate and Investment Committees and on the Flood Disaster Committee of the Diocese. He's also been a Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and Warden of Christ's Church, Rye, NY.

David graduated from Princeton University and the University of Chicago. For over 50 years he was active in financial services with major Wall Street firms and currently runs his own investment advisory company.

David, his wife Nancy, and their dog Duffy emigrated to Vermont during Covid, and they live on Seymour Lake in Morgan.

A **Memorial Service** for Margaret "Peg" Clemons, who passed away on September 4, is scheduled for **Noon on October 24th** in the sanctuary. The Rev. Jay Sprout will officiate. A reception will follow the service.

If you would like to bake for the reception, please call Patty at 413-883-2842 or email peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com

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:

October 18, 2026 – Ed Nilson

October 25, 2025 – Ken Vos – “Another Look at Jesus”

Please Pray For:

Brady Nally
Jenna Goguen
Robin

Paul Clemons & Family
Ken Vos
Anthony

Attendance at Previous Church Services

September 20, 2026	22
September 27, 2026	18
October 4, 2026	35



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

10/11 – Melissa Hough & Nick Greyling
10/18 – Patty Gardner & Ann Goss
10/25 – Dart Thalman
11/1 Nancy & Brad Toney



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10th – Ken Vos
14th – Steve Engle
15th – Sarah Deasy Spaeh
17th – Gracia Berwick
19th – Stan Fickes

ANNIVERSARIES

10/11 – Chip & Carolyn Deasy
10/14 – Dylan & Meghan (Deasy) Hovey
10/24 – Harry & Anita Vann

I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4. I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1.
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in - a my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in - a my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in - a my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in - a my

2.
 soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in - a my soul.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
 77.10 D

Spirituals draw heavily from Old Testament imagery, including 'peace like a river' from Isaiah 48:18. The New Testament also provided imagery for this song in the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy and peace (Galatians 5:22).

This won't be a love song till we know the words by heart.

— Bob Gibson

I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee ev-ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need thee ev-ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3. I need thee ev-ery hour in joy or pain;
 4. I need thee ev-ery hour; teach me thy will,

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly, and a - bide or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need thee, oh, I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

WORDS: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; refrain, Robert Lowry, 1872
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1872

NEED
 64.64 w. refrain

Hawks wrote this hymn for a meeting of the National Baptist Sunday School Association. Coming to her while doing ordinary housework, it became a 'revival' favorite.