

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**April 21st, 2024 at 10:30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**

**Liturgist: Chris Young**

**Cantor: Gay Willis**

**Coffee Hour Hosts: Don and Viki Shima**

*Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during our worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.*



**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\* Hymn 267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**Prayer of Approach to God and Confession (unison)**

**God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. And so trusting in that love, we bring our whole selves to this moment. We bring the great joys of this day. We bring the struggles that we may have been enduring. We bring our hopes as well as our fears. And we take a moment of quiet to lay it all before you.**

## Kyrie Eleison

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
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## Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

**Choir Anthem:**     *Christ the Lord is Risen Again! Words by Michael Weisse  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, music by Alan Smith*

## First Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Liturgist

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## \*Hymn 215

*What Wondrous Love is This*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

**\*Hymn***Psalm 23*

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

*Refrain: And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

*Refrain: And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

3. And though I walk in the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, for You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

*Refrain: And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

**Sermon**

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear Gay Willis sing *In the Garden*,  
by C. Austin Miller

*If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!*

GENERAL OFFERING



**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

**\*Hymn 39**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Charge, Benediction and Celtic Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)*

**Postlude**

**\*If you are able, please stand.**



## **Announcements**

*We welcome Jason Hart as our Director of Music today and Michael Mobley as our drummer.*

**Livestreaming of Worship.** Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

**Adventures in Faith.** A new four week series on the theme of "identity" begins THIS Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church house and continues on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring along your lunch; drinks and cookies provided. Everyone is welcome.

**PCAT Families Dinner** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6pm. PCAT families are invited to a relaxed evening with a fun kid's program alongside time for the parents to relax together. Dinner provided, bring a dessert! Contact the office for more information and to register by April 21<sup>st</sup> (201) 567-0111 or [office@tenaflypresby.org](mailto:office@tenaflypresby.org)

**Cinco de Mayo** family friendly celebration on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Jim Henry Hall. Everyone is welcome for a fun evening - \$10 per head, including Mexican dinner. Contact the office to sign up.

**Do you enjoy coffee hour following worship?** Would you consider hosting? It's easy! Just bring in your choice of goodies (cookies, donuts, muffins), some fruit, and juice. That's it! Chris Schwab takes care of all the set up; coffee and tea and milk are all provided. Please help us to continue this social time following worship. Call the church office at (201) 567-0111 if you can help from time to time.

**NEW WELCOME TEAM being developed – we would love to have many of you join this new effort to make Sunday mornings even richer.**

We are planning a return to a team approach like we had prior to Covid. Our ideas for this new approach include:

- Establish 4 or 5 teams that will rotate across the weeks on a regular cycle
- Each team to have 5-6 individuals with one volunteer serving as the captain of the team
- Team responsibilities will be similar to our current process ... welcome members and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins, collect the offering and support other logistical matters as required
- 3 team members will be required at each service – meaning the captain will coordinate which of the 5 or 6 team members are on duty for a particular Sunday (this will allow for personal schedule issues during the year)
- Request those on duty to arrive 30 minutes before the service since some do arrive early – especially visitors.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Nancy in the church office, speak with Martin or contact Brian Coats-Thomas via email (cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com). Thank you for thinking about this opportunity – it will not require a significant time commitment but allows you to support what we do every Sunday morning.

**Presby Readers** next meeting will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm hosted by Viki Shima. We'll be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. All are welcome!

### **Regular Groups at PCAT**

**PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenafly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous***, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

**Adventures in Faith:** Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin

**PresbyReaders:** Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. Contact Mary Jane Eimer.

**Bell Choir:** Contact Jim Millar

**Choir:** Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar

**Church School:** Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Childcare:** Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Cro-Knitters:** Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist

**English as a Second Language (ESL):** Is meeting on Tuesdays at 10am in the church house. Contact Jun Motai

**Mommy/Daddy and Me group:** Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. Contact Christina Chan

**Women and Men's Groups:** meet periodically.



# PCAT FAMILIES DINNER

Join us for a casual time to get to know the families in our PCAT community!

Parents will have time and dinner with each other in the lounge while the children have their own dinner and activities in the church house

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APRIL 28TH 4PM - 6PM

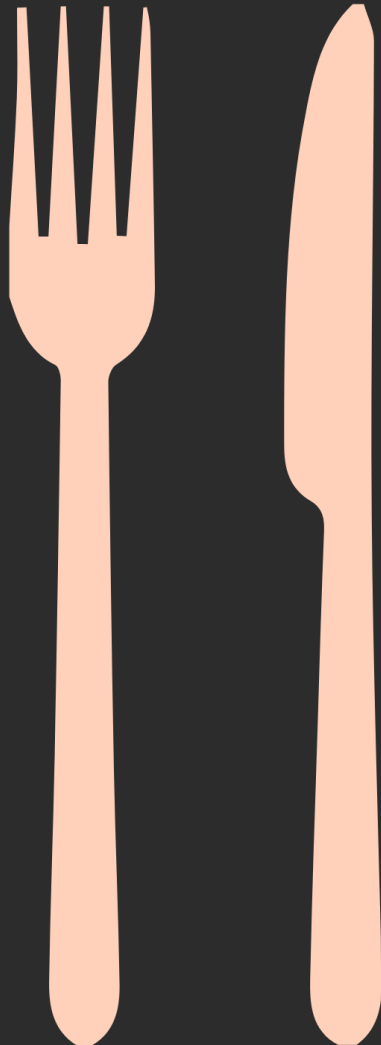
RSVP by April 21st at (201) 567-0111  
or [office@tenaflypresby.org](mailto:office@tenaflypresby.org)

Let us know any food allergies or vegetarian/vegan preferences.

Kids dinner: we're making pizza bagels

Adults dinner: baked meat lasagna, salad and garlic bread

Dessert: Consider bringing something to share





# CINCO DE MAYO

(May 5th)

**Dinner and festivities in  
Jim Henry Hall  
at 5:30pm \$10 per person**

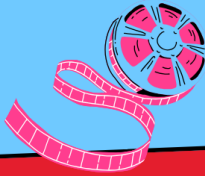
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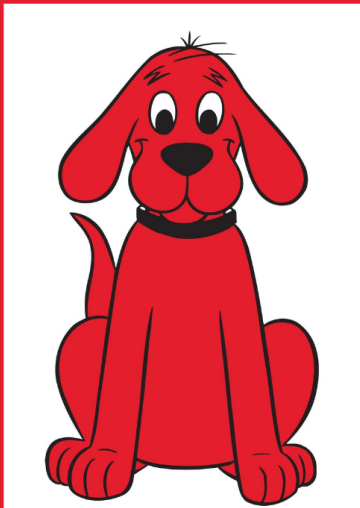
PCAT PRESENTS

# FAMILY MOVIE



## Night

Ages 3 years to 3rd grade  
Must be accompanied by an adult.  
Light snacks provided



**CLIFFORD  
The Big  
Red Dog**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**Saturday, May 18TH 4-6PM**

RSVP by May 16th (201) 567-0111 or  
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