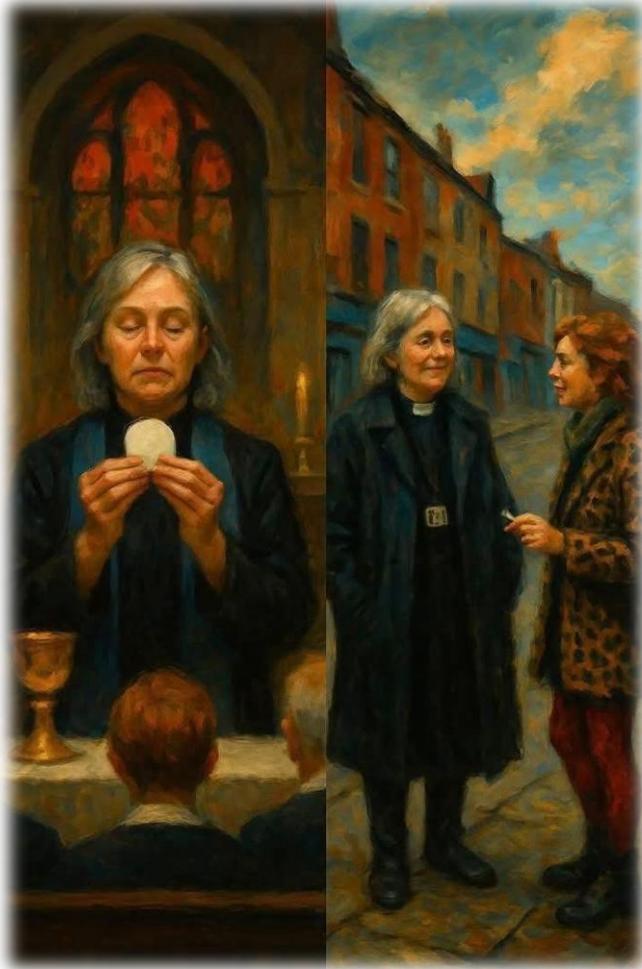


The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

January 4th, 2026 at 10:30am in the Chapel
Second Sunday of Christmas
Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Jeanne Lambert
Ushers: Howard and Noelle Bryson
Communion Servers: Rick Bower and Diane Allen

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 the 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

Prelude G.F. Handel, *Sonata No. 5 for Flute and Piano, (Larghetto and Allegro)*,
played by Noelle Perrin and Jim Millar

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Hymn 28** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
Congregation & Choir:	Christe Eleison
Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
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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**

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Liturgist

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Hymn 68

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

***Hymn**

Word of the Father (music, see page 11)

1. Word of the Father everlasting,
there at his side when time began;
who but the Word reflects his glory,
who but the Word may speak to man?
Word of the Father everlasting,
there at his side when time began.

2. Word once made flesh in Mary's keeping,
source of all life and one true light;
who of his own will dare receive him,
or to their homes and hearts invite?
Word once made flesh in Mary's keeping,
source of all life and one true light.

3. Word full of grace, among us dwelling,
Jesus our Lord, the Father's Son;
give us the power, your name confessing,
truly God's children to become.
Word full of grace, among us dwelling,
Jesus our Lord, the Father's Son.

Sermon

Wisdom

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Offering during which we hear Sherice Roberts sing *The Three Kings*, by Peter Cornelius

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who may feel that you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

***Song** *We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table* (see page 12-13)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.
 Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.
 We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience,
 now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven
 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

Sanctus & Benedictus

John L. Bell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow-er and might,
 Bless-ed, bless - ed bless-ed, bless-ed is the one,



heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry to your name, glo-ry
 is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -



to your name, glo-ry to your name O Lord most high.
 -sa na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

(congregation sits)

Telling the Story

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
 for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
 Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
 spanned the gulf our sins had made.
 Through that dark struggle
 death was swallowed up in victory,
 that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**(unison) Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your life-giving power,
they may be for us spiritual food and drink,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.**

**Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles,**

**and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God
Have mercy on us
Jesus bearer of our sins
Have mercy upon us
Jesus redeemer of the world
Grant us your peace.

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together)

Prayers of Intercession

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn (Psalm 103)** *Praise God My Soul* (see page 14)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand.**

Announcements

Next Sunday

The First Sunday of Epiphany

9:30am in the Chapel with band

10:30am in the Sanctuary with choir

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.

Please note a change to our forward worship plan. We have two services on Sunday January 11th, at 9:30am in the Chapel with the band and at 10:30am in the Sanctuary with the choir. On Sunday January 18th we will have joint intergenerational worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Naghash ensemble of Armenia. We are excited to be hosting this extraordinary group of musicians specialising in Armenian traditional music. They tour globally and are performing in our church as a promotion of the Tekeyan Cultural Association on Saturday, January 10th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$35 and available from this website: tickets.naghashensemble.com

NEXT SUNDAY Nora Neus is back with us to talk about her new book, *24 Hours at the Capitol: An Oral History of the January 6th Insurrection*. Join us on Sunday January 11th at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. Free entry; bring friends!

The Soup Squad. We are asking all soup makers to share a container of their home-made soup. Please arrange with Nancy in the office to drop off donations and help with labeling, the type of soup and the ingredients are needed. Many thanks for sharing your culinary skills!

Scottish Night Saturday January 24th at 5pm in the Church House. An evening of food, poems, stories, and music to celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Sign up in the Narthex.

The Presby Readers will be gathering Sunday, January 25th at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home to discuss *Berry Pickers: A Novel* by Amanda Peters. All are welcome.

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Word of the Father

French trad. carol

1. Word of the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, there at his
2. Word once made flesh in Ma - ry's keep - ing, source of all
3. Word full of grace, a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus our

6

side when time be - gan; who but the Word re - flects his
life and one true light; who of his own will dare re -
Lord, the Fa - ther's Son; give us the pow'r, your name con -

12

glo - ry, who but the Word may speak to man? Word of the
ceive him, or to their homes and hearts in - vite? Word once made
fess - ing, tru - ly God's chil - dren to be - come. Word full of

18

Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, there at his side when time be - gan.
flesh in Ma - ry's keep ing, source of all life and one true light.
grace, a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus our Lord, the Fa - ther's Son.

We are coming, Lord, to the table

Words & Music: Sierra Leone traditional
Transcription & Arrangement: Greg Scheer

Prayerfully ♩ = 100

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

4b

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

8b

1. With the gift of bread, we are com-ing, Lord.
2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com-ing, Lord.

13b

Oh, sing it o - ver:

With the gift of wine, we are co-ming, Lord.
To re - ceive the wine, we are co-ming, Lord.

19

1. We of - fer you the gift of
 2. We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

23

bread.
 bread.

We of - fer you the gift of
 We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

27

wine.
 wine.

Oh, sing it o - ver.

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

31

Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

Majestically 0 G/D 0



1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly
 2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of
 3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their



name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -
 grace. He will not constant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his
 seed, for those who keep his cov en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts



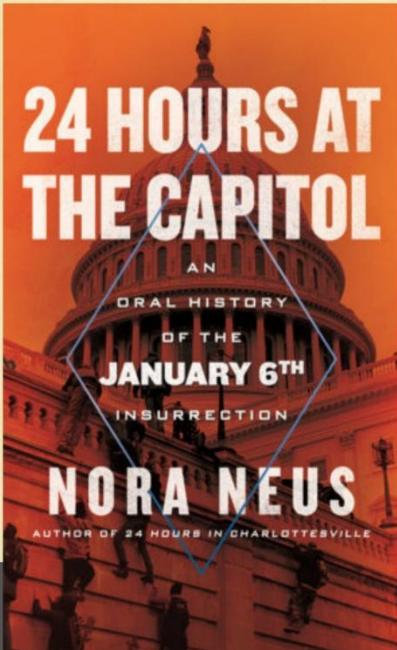
claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of
 face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his
 heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his



good, so that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful
 name. For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he
 word. Praise God, his works through - out the world, And you, my



vi - gor is re - newed. Your youth - ful vi - gor is re - newed.
 knows our fee - ble frame. And well he knows our fee - ble frame.
 soul, O praise the Lord! And you my soul, O praise the Lord!



BOOK DISCUSSION
with
NORA NEUS

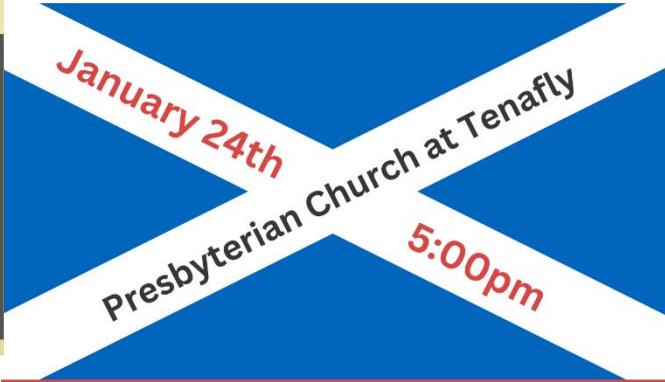


January 11th at
4:30pm
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Nora Neus is a Tenafly raised Emmy-nominated producer, author, and freelance journalist with bylines in CNN, The Guardian, The Washington Post, and more. She is the author of books for adults and youth, including *24 Hours in Charlottesville*; an oral history of the stand against white supremacy. Her multidisciplinary work is focused on some of our world's most challenging issues.



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Scottish Night

in celebration of Robert Burns

*a family-friendly night of
poetry, music, food buffet,
stories and dancing.*



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