

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**January 25th, 2026 at 10:30am
3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco

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.



Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn (Psalm 67)**

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name
to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All our blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.
May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!
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Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation and Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
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Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
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Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

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

Acts 26:9-21

Liturgist

‘Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. ‘With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.” I asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” ‘After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Reading

Galatians 1:11-24

Liturgist

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

Sermon

Great Turnarounds

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear *No Outsiders* sung by Will Farnham

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!



Liturgist

Dedication Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion Sunday

9:30am in the Chapel

10:30am in the Sanctuary

(on Communion Sunday we invite donations of shelf stable food for the Center for Food Action.)

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.

NEW DATE The Presby Readers will not be meeting this afternoon, instead they will be gathering on February 1st at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home to discuss *Berry Pickers: A Novel* by Amanda Peters. All are welcome.

Adventures in Faith meets on Wednesday January 28th at 12noon in the Church House. This week we'll be thinking about *The Apostle Paul's Inclusive (?) Vision*

Next Men's Dinner will be on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7pm at Europe Café in Tenafly. Let Jim Crook or Pastor Martin know if you can make it!

Tenafly High School Philharmonic Orchestra will be visiting again to perform a concert on Friday, February 6th at 7pm, including music by Bach, Barber, Elgar, Vivaldi and more. Save the date!

Souper Bowl of Caring. Our church school will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen so that you can enjoy tasty home-made soup after the 10:30am service on Sunday, February 8th. Donations for the Center for Food Action will be gratefully received.

Sanctuary Space will next take place on Thursday, February 12th 7–9pm in the main Sanctuary. Jenny Jackson will lead us in an introduction to meditation from 7-7:30pm. The rest of the time will be for free reflection by candlelight. Let Nancy in the office know if you would like to come to the meditation introduction to help us to plan.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 15th after the 10:30am service. Save the date!

Pledges. We are in the final stages of planning our budget for 2026. If you intend to pledge in support of our church life this year, please let us know as soon as possible because we plan our staffing and programs according to resources available.

Regular Groups at PCAT

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AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Tuesdays 4pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Joan Roselle (201) 569-3819

English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays 10am-12pm Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
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