

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**February 8th, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas 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. We welcome children to stay in church for the service today. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

Song (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!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Roger Maxfield

Kyrie Eleison

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

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**

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Choir Anthem*I Will Follow Him* by Gimbel and Altman, Stole and Del Roma**Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Jon Chan

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Hymn (Psalm 112)How Blest are Those Who Fear the Lord* (see page 7)**Reading**

Matthew 5:13-20

Joe Rhee

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one

after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

***Hymn 377**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Offering

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**

Dedication Prayer

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Kathryn Cooperman

***Hymn**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church;
we need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

(Refrain)

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth. **(Refrain twice)**

***Benediction and Sung Celtic Amen**
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Postlude

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

112A How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD

D A G D

1 How blest are those who fear the LORD and great - ly
 2 A - bound-ing wealth shall bless their home, their right - eous -
 3 The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice
 4 By e - vil tid - ings not dis - mayed, the right - eous

Esus E A D

love God's ho - ly will. Their chil - dren share their
 ness for - e'er en - dure. To them shall light a -
 shall their cause main - tain. True peace shall their whole
 trust in God a - lone. Their heart is stead - fast,

A D D/F# D/A A D

great re - ward, and bless - ings all their days shall fill.
 rise in gloom, for they are mer - ci - ful and pure.
 life at - tend, and long their mem - ory shall re - main.
 un - a - fraid, for they shall see their foes o'er - thrown.

5 Dispersing gifts among the poor, 6 The wicked will be brought to shame,
 the righteous for their needs provide. while righteous ones will see the LORD.
 Their righteousness shall thus endure; Unrighteous hopes will not see gain,
 their strength in honor shall abide. for sin will find its due reward.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am in the Chapel with band (30 minutes)

10am Coffee Hour in the Church House

10:30am in the Sanctuary with choir (one hour)

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

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.

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 today. Donations for the Center for Food Action will be gratefully received.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY. Following the 10:30am worship service please plan to stay and attend the annual congregational and corporate meeting in the church house.

Adventures in Faith meets on Wednesday February 11th at 12noon in the Church House. This week we'll be thinking about the topic of, *Does being Christian mean rejecting truth claims of other faiths??*

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.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent is on February 18th. This year you're invited to a lunch gathering called, "Pancakes and Penitence" at 12noon when we will have some fun in the spirit of Mardi Gras with crepes to enjoy and explore the symbolism meaning and practices of Lent. **Then at 7:30pm we will share communion in the Chapel** with the opportunity to receive the sign of ashes.

Lunar New Year, Chinese Luncheon. Plan to join us after the 10.30am service on February 22nd to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Your fortune for the day, "Happiness is enjoying good friends and good food." To help us plan, please sign up or call the office. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 a family.

Benefit Concert with Bob LeClair (oboe) and the Fides String Quartet in aid of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Come enjoy the music of EJ Moeran, Elizabeth Raum and Druzecky in the Sanctuary at 7pm on Saturday February 28th.

The Presby Readers. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 1 at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home. We will be discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

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
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Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
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Doodle away . . .

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SANCTUARY SPACE

*Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence
in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary of the
Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly. Open to all faiths and none.*

Thursday February 12th 7-9pm

7-7.30pm An introduction to meditation with Jenny Jackson Miller
7.30-9pm free time for calm reflection by candlelight with music

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Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18TH

Pancakes and Penitence!

12noon in the Church House

**Join us for a fusion of
MardiGras and Ash Wednesday.**

**Enjoy pancakes and a discussion on
Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent**

**Communion in the Chapel
at 7:30pm**



*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*



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