

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**February 22nd, 2026 at 9:30am
1st Sunday of Lent**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Ushers: Ron and Melissa Rexroth

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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Song** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

2 Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

3 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Reading **Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become

loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reflection

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Prayers

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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**

***Song**

Your Words are Wonderful

Your words are wonderful
Unfolding like the dawn
A well-spring and a rock we rest upon
We trust your promises
That keep our hope alive
They steady us through life’s decline

*Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life
You have the words of life*

Come write your holy truth
Upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us to shine against the dark
Lord, grant us from the lies the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those you have redeemed.

*Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life
You have the words of life*

Bridge:
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and disbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and disbelief

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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



Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

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

10am Coffee Hour in the Church House

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

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

(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.

TODAY - Lunar New Year, Chinese Luncheon. Plan to join us after the 10.30am service to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Your fortune for the day, "Happiness is enjoying good friends and good food." 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.

This Lent, Pastor Martin invites you to join him on a reflective journey towards Easter. Each day he will post a reflection on something that gives him wonder/awe at something about his experience of the world. This will be balanced by something that brings a sense of woe - sadness, lament. If you'd like to read Martin's reflections you can find them on his Substack, and you can sign up to receive an email notice of the latest one appearing. They will also be published on the church Facebook page and Instagram account.

<https://substack.com/@martinritchie>

This link can also be found in the weekly email newsletter. If you don't get this, contact the office to sign up.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the PCUSA Lent appeal. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Please bring your offering

(including fish banks – available in the Narthex) on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Remember: Giving a little adds up to a lot. Thank you! Mission Committee Co-chairs, Gillian Iappelli and Mary Jane Eimer

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

Mad Hatter Costume Tea Party for ages 3 years old through 4th grade accompanied by an adult. Join us for some non-sensical fun on Saturday, March 7th at 3pm. Please register with the QR code or call the church office by March 4th. \$5 per child (payable at the door).



St. Patrick’s Dinner Saturday March 14th at 6pm in the Church House. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to the church office to help us plan.

Sanctuary Space is next up on Thursday March 26th at 7pm. Introduction to meditation at 7pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
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

Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
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Doodle away . . .

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BENEFIT CONCERT

MUSIC FOR OBOE AND STRINGS

WITH BOB LECLAIR AND THE FIDES QUARTET

*Come enjoy the music of
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Free of charge; Donations invited in support of
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

February 28th at 7pm

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