

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 1st, 2026 at 9:30am
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson

Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee (instrumental scholars)

Ushers: Jeanne Lambert and Melissa Rexroth

Communion Servers: Diane Allen and James Oruada

Coffee Hour Host: Jeanne Lambert

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. You are welcome to take a piece of the sourdough loaf when it is passed around, or a piece of gluten free bread from the tray. The common cup contains alcoholic wine or grape juice is available in the tray.

Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

***Song** *God So Loved*

(All sing)

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.

(Song Leader)

I shall hold to the cross.
I shall hold to God alone.

For His love has salvaged me.
For His love has set me free.

(All sing)

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.

(Song Leader)

I shall wait upon the Lord.
I shall wait upon His Word.
And by His grace I am released.
By His grace I am redeemed.

(All sing)

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.

(Instrumental)

(Song Leader)

By His precious blood
I have been set free for the glory of Jesus' name.
I surrender all now to Christ alone,
in Jesus I am saved.

(All sing)

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.
Yes, they shall have eternal life.

Reading

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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 6-7)

Telling the Story

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Post-Communion Prayer

***Song** (Psalm 103) *Praise God My Soul* (see page 8)

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



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.

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

19

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

Musical notation for measures 19-22, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

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

23

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

Musical notation for measures 23-26, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

wine. Oh, sing it o - ver.
wine.

27

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

Musical notation for measures 27-30, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

31

Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Musical notation for measures 31-34, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

Majestically D G/D D



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

4 F#m D/F# G D/F# A Bm Gb Em7 G/A



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

8 D F#m G D/F# D A D/F# F#m7 G D/F# G A



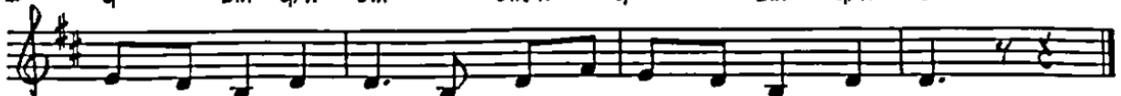
claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of
 face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his
 heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his

12 Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm(add2) Bm Bm/A



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

15 Gb Em7 G/A Bm Bm/A G(add2) Em7 G/A D



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!

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

**Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
with ordination of Elders and Deacons, installation of officers and commissioning
of the Session and Board of Deacons for Service in 2026**

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 - The Presby Readers will meet at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home. We will be discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

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

College Student Care Packages. The Church School kiddos are putting together care packages for our college students and would like your help collecting snacks. We'll be sending out 8 packages this year. This is a fun way for us to stay connected. Snacks can be dropped off in the Care Package box found in the narthex from March 1 - March 22.

Ideas for contents of care packages: *Snack size cookies, Lunch size chips, Individual bags of nuts or trail mix, Microwave popcorn, Ramen noodles, Granola bars, Protein bars, Oatmeal (single serving pack or microwave oatmeal cups), Candy, Mac & Cheese (microwave cups)*

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.

Piano Concert. Sunday March 15th 4:30pm in the Sanctuary with outstanding pianist Victoria Schwartzman. Program includes works by Chopin, Beethoven, and Prokofiev. Free Admission!

Carriage House Concert Sunday March 22nd at 5pm in the Chapel. A stunning program for string quartet including Dvorak's No 12 Op 96 'American'. Tickets available using the QR code, priced \$30.



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.

Easter Flowers. This Easter we will once again have an opportunity to order six-inch pots of flowers to help make our worship festive and beautiful. Please use the order form and return to the office by March 16th.

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
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Doodle away . . .

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