

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 8th, 2026 at 10:30am
3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Ordination of Elders and Deacons
Commissioning of the Session, Board of Deacons, and Officers for Service in 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Nancy Smith
Ushers: Noelle and Howard Bryson
Coffee Hour: Nancy Smith**

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, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Song** *Living Waters*

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

Refrain:

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.*

Spirit moving, mercy washing; Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shore line, life is in these living waters **Refrain**

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters. **Refrain**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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

Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well (based on John 4:5-42)

***Song**

No Outsiders

You are a refuge, You have no borders.
When I was a stranger knocking on Your door, You took me in.
With no questions, and no conditions.
When I was a sinner, running from Your grace, You called me friend;
You called me friend.

Refrain: *There are no outsiders to Your love
We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, Your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders, I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

You are the harbour in every tempest.
When my soul was shipwrecked, tossed upon the waves, You calmed the storm.
You are the Father. There are no orphans. Every tribe and nation,
gathered in Your arms sings with one voice. Sings with one voice. **Refrain**

Bridge: I was tired, I was poor, I was thrown upon Your shores.
I was homeless and afraid 'til I heard You call my name.
And now I'm ransomed, I'm restored,
Resurrected I am Yours. I am loved, yes, I belong.
Oh my soul has found its home. **Refrain**

*There are no outsiders to Your love
We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, Your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders, I'm not an outsider.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgist

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Choir Anthem *Listen Sweet Dove*, Words by George Herbert (1593 -1633), Music by Grayston Ives

Listen sweet Dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching my tender heart so long, Till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such gifts thou didst bestow that the heart did like a heav'n appear, the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night, when he beheld twelve sunnes for one. Going and giving light. Lord, though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light: Restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Nik Rael and the band in *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

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**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

Introduction to the Ordination

***Hymn 278**

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
(Cantor sings the first line, then we all join in)

Ordination Liturgy

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

Prayer of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Commissioning of the Board of Deacons, the Session and Office Bearers

***Hymn 298**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

***Benediction and Celtic Sung Amen**

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:30am in the Chapel

Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

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.

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 is 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

Adventures in Faith meets this Wednesday at 12noon in the Church House. We will be discussing chapter 3 of Mariann Edgar Budde's book, *We Can Be Brave*, which takes the theme of "Deciding to Start". All welcome, drinks and treats provided, bring your own lunch if you like.

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)*

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 by Wednesday, March 11th at 12noon 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 forms available in the Narthex or call the church office. Deadline will be March 16th.

Holy Week and Easter Worship: Maundy Thursday supper at 6:30pm and Tenebrae service at 8:30pm; Good Friday Walk of Witness begins at the episcopal church at 1pm; Easter Eve, Saturday April 4th at 8pm The Great Vigil of Easter with lighting of the new fire and baptism of Ihhyun Ethan and Evan Rhee; Easter Communion Celebration at 10:30am on April 5th.

PCAT Men's Dinner - Save the Date: Tuesday April 7th at 7pm - venue tbc.

The Presby Readers next meeting will be Sunday, April 12th at Viki Shima's home at 4pm. We will be discussing *How to Read a Book: A Heartfelt Novel of Redemption and Unlikely Friendships in a Small Town....* By Monica Wood.

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
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**Tenafly Interfaith Association invites you to an
Interfaith Vigil in Huyler Park followed by Dinner
and Immigrant/Refugee Shabbat at Temple Sinai**



Friday, March 13

5:00 PM- "Love Your Neighbor" Interfaith Prayer Vigil in solidarity with immigrants and refugees, in Huyler Park in downtown Tenafly.

6:15 PM- Interfaith Shabbat Dinner at Temple Sinai from TPR.

7:30 PM- Interfaith Shabbat Service with a presentation from Sarah Blaine (she/her), previously a teacher and a lawyer, now the lead organizer for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's New Jersey state project, RAC-NJ.

Dinner RSVP Required
Scan here



or visit
<https://www.templesinaibc.org/form/interfaith-shabbat-dinner.html>

PIANO CONCERT



VICTORIA SCHWARTZMAN

BEETHOVEN, SONATA NO.31 IN A FLAT MAJOR OP.110

CHOPIN, BALLADE NO.1 IN G MINOR OP. 53

PROKOFIEV, SONATA NO.2 IN D MINOR OP.14

MARCH 15TH AT 4:30PM

IN THE SANCTUARY

Free Entry

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