

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**May 12th, 2024
Ascension Sunday at 10:30am**

Intergenerational Worship

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Sherrie Reilley**

**Cantor: Ann Van Cleave
Coffee Hour Host: Whitney Keen**

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



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

Leader: Clap Your hands and Praise the Lord! [all clap hands]
Leader: Sing to the Lord and beat the drum [bang on pews]
Leader: Shout for joy that the Lord is good!
All shout: **The Lord is good!**

*** Hymn** *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!*

How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
to conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen!

Refrain

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed:

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace

and pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

Refrain

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r-
f'ly save;

He frees our hearts to live His grace go, tell of His goodness.

Refrain

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

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Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

He is risen, He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive, now in Heaven glorified. He's alive
He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive, now in Heaven glorified.

Gathering Prayer

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	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

Choir Anthem

Give Ear Unto Me, by Benedetto Marcello

Talk

Blanketing the World in Love

Piano Solos

Story

Up, up – and away?

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Hymn 640**

Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord!

Sharing our Gifts, during which we hear Ann and Carroll Van Cleave sing *Letting Go*, by Carroll Van Cleave

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



Bringing our Prayers

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**

*Hymn

The River is Here

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

*The river of God sets our feet a dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

The river of God is teeming with life
All who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

*The river of God sets our feet a dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run we dance with laughter
Giving praise to the Son

*The river of God sets our feet a dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

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And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
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Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

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 is Blanket Sunday and we invite you to make a donation to this *Church World Service* fundraiser. This program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing extreme hardship, reminding them that they are not alone. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Church at Tenafly "PCAT" with Blanket Sunday in the memo line. \$10 buys a blanket to offer comfort.

Adventures in Faith. Our series on the theme of "identity" concludes this Wednesday May 15th in the church house at noon. Bring along your lunch; drinks and cookies provided. Everyone is welcome.

Next Saturday, May 18th, we'll be having our Family Movie Night – Clifford the Big Red Dog – 4-6pm in the Church House. Parents/carers stay with the kids and there are snacks provided! Sign up with the office asap!

The **Pentecost** offering helps to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. 40% of this gift stays with our

congregation to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults while 25% goes to the Youth Triennium, 25% to support young adult volunteers, and 10% to children at risk. Please give generously if you can. Spare letters and donation envelopes are available in the narthex today.

PCAT Men's Group. Next meet up for dinner is on Wednesday May 29th at 7pm at Dante's in Leonia. Contact Jim Crook, rjamescrook@gmail.com or Pastor Martin, pastorpcat@gmail.com if you would like to come along. Everyone is welcome.

Retirement of Ray McCarthy, band leader. After many years of tremendous service to PCAT, Ray is retiring and his last Sunday will be on May 19th. If you would like to contribute toward a collection, please send checks payable to PCAT marked "Ray McCarthy" in the memo line or bring cash to the office by Friday May 17th.

We welcome our interim band leader, Nik Rael, who will be joining us from May 26th – September 1st.

Do you enjoy coffee hour following worship? Would you consider hosting? It's easy! Just bring in your choice of goodies (cookies, donuts, muffins), some fruit, and juice. That's it! Chris Schwab takes care of all the set up; coffee and tea and milk are all provided. Please help us to continue this social time following worship. Call the church office at (201) 567-0111 if you can help from time to time.

NEW WELCOME TEAM being developed – we would love to have many of you join this new effort to make Sunday mornings even richer. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Nancy in the church office, speak with Pastor Martin or contact Brian Coats-Thomas via email (cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com). Thank you for thinking about this opportunity – it will not require a significant time commitment but allows you to support what we do every Sunday morning.

Tenafly 5K. Outreach, Mission and Faith Nurture collaborate on our support of the race early on Sunday June 2nd. Part of it involves handing out water to runners part way along the route. Could you help? Lots of hands on the job make it easier and it's great fun! Contact Nancy or the office to offer help!

Presby Readers next meeting will be on June 2nd at 4pm hosted by Viki Shima. We'll be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. All are welcome!

Women's group next get together will be on Thursday June 6th at MKT Diner at 261 Closter Dock Road in Closter. We will meet at 6:30pm. Please let either Marilyn Coats-Thomas (201) 888-0402 or Christina Chan (201) 784-6818 know if you'd like to come. We hope to see you there!

Chamber Music for a Summer Evening with Jim Millar's *Two Grammys and a Grampa* piano trio - and friends! Café Music by Paul Schoenfeld and music by Piazzolla, Sarasate, Schubert and Debussy. **Friday June 7th at 7pm in the Old Stone Chapel.** Free Admission - Retiring Offering for the Arts Outreach Fund.

A Table for All is a documentary film about refugees and asylum-seekers and their integration into United States culture through a Brooklyn kitchen. Contact the church office to reserve your seat for **June 9th at 4:30pm** when we'll view the film and have a discussion with filmmaker, Thea Piltzecker or sign up to book a spot via Eventbrite using this QR code.



Celebrating Our Graduates Do you have someone in your family graduating? Congratulations! We would like to celebrate with you by including them on our grad list. Please send an email with their name and school by June 10th to the church office. Feel free to include a couple sentences about their future plans.

PCAT Scholarships are open to PCAT members and children of members who will be attending a full-time degree program. Please submit an application by June 9th to the office. Applications are available in the office or to print online at our website: www.tenaflypresby.org

Regular Groups at PCAT

PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenafly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous*, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

Adventures in Faith: Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin

PresbyReaders: Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. Contact Mary Jane Eimer.

Bell Choir: Contact Jim Millar

Choir: Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar

Church School: Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

Childcare: Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

Cro-Knitters: Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist

English as a Second Language (ESL): Is meeting on Tuesdays at 10am in the church house. Contact Jun Motai

Mommy/Daddy and Me group: Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. Contact Christina Chan

Women and Men's Groups: meet periodically.

Doodle Away ...

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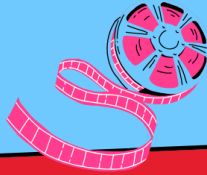
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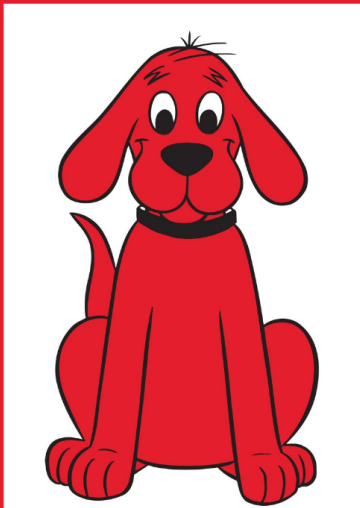
PCAT PRESENTS

FAMILY MOVIE



Night

Ages 3 years to 3rd grade
Must be accompanied by an adult.
Light snacks provided



**CLIFFORD
The Big
Red Dog**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Saturday, May 18TH 4-6PM

RSVP by May 16th (201) 567-0111 or
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