

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**May 24th, 2026 at 10:30am
The Day of Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Jeanne Lambert
Ushers: Howard and Noelle Bryson
Coffee Hour: Carolyn Rocco

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. Children are welcome to stay in church for part of the service this morning and then go to Church School afterwards. 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

Martin: Holy Spirit

All: Come, like the dove

Martin: Holy Spirit

All: Come, like the wind

Martin: Holy Spirit

All: Come, like flames of fire

Martin: Holy Spirit

All: Come, refresh us in your living waters.

***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***

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
Congregation & Choir:	Christe Eleison
Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Choir:	Kyrie Eleison

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

Gentle as the Dove

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***Song**

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind (see page 9)

Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Liturgist

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Choir Anthem *Listen Sweet Dove*, music by Grayston Ives, words by George Herbert

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 glorious gifts thou didst bestow that the earth did like a heaven 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 about the world 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.

Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews

from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

***Song**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (verses solo, all sing refrain)

Refrain (All sing refrain):

*Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.*

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (***Refrain***)

2 All around me looked so fine,
and I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Yes, all around me looks so fine
And I asked my Lord if all was mine. (***Refrain***)

3 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. (*Refrain*)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Offering during which we hear *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** *Like Fireworks in the Night* (see page 10)

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

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Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:30am with band in the Chapel
Worship at 10:30am with choir in the Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting in the Church House at 11:30am

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.

Please note the church office will be closed this Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Pentecost Offering. The Session has decided to launch a Pentecost special appeal in support of youth ministry at PCAT. The appeal supports Vacation Bible Camp costs, scholarships for camp attendance, scholarships for youth counsellors at our own Vacation Bible Camp, youth outreach events and youth ministry in general. We celebrate Pentecost today and we hope, if you are able, you will make a donation to help with this important work! Please make checks payable to PCAT with "Pentecost" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support!

Congregational Meeting. Members of the congregation are invited to attend a special congregational meeting after the 10:30am service on May 31st in the Church House. The purpose of the meeting is to share details of a solar energy scheme that the session intends to implement for PCAT. The details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting the office.

Adventures in Faith. Our study group meets this Wednesday at 12noon in the church house. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided.

PresbyReaders. Our next read is *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi. We will meet Sunday, May 31st at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home.

Tenafly Pride Saturday June 6th 12-5pm. PCAT will take part with a tent in Oresko Park. We would love to have volunteers to be a friendly and affirming presence that afternoon! Contact Pastor Martin for more information.

Tenafly 5k Sunday June 7th Gillian Iappelli is looking for volunteers to help on the water table from 8:30am on the day of the race. Cell: (973) 219-3365 or g_iappelli@hotmail.com

PCAT Men's Dinner – Save the Date for the next men's dinner Tuesday June 9th at 7pm. Venue TBC. All are welcome - contact Jim Crook or Pastor Martin to sign up.

Sanctuary Space is next up on June 11th, 7-9pm. Introduction to meditation from 7-7:30pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music and quiet until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

Celebrating Our Graduates. Do you have someone in your family graduating? We would like to celebrate with you by including them on our grad list. Please send us an email with their name and school by June 5th. Feel free to include a couple sentences about their future plans!

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
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

The Holy Spirit

SKYE BOAT SONG

Refrain

G Em Am D G Am⁷

Soprano Alto
Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind gen - tle as is the

Tenor Bass

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is for Soprano and Alto voices, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass voices. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The music begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are 'Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind gen - tle as is the'.

7 Bm⁷ D G Em Am D G

dove _____ teach us the truth and help us be - lieve show us the

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The lyrics are 'dove _____ teach us the truth and help us be - lieve show us the'.

14 C G *Fine* Em Em/G Am

sa - viour's love _____ You spoke to us Long, long a - go
With - out your help we fail our Lord

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The lyrics are 'sa - viour's love _____ You spoke to us Long, long a - go With - out your help we fail our Lord'. The word 'Fine' is written above the staff.

21 Em/B Am Em Em Em/B

gave us the writ - ten words _____ we read it still
we can - not live his way _____ we need your power

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The lyrics are 'gave us the writ - ten words _____ we read it still we can - not live his way _____ we need your power'.

27 Am F/A Em Am⁷ Em/B D⁷

need - ing its truth through it God's voice is heard _____
we need your strength fo - llow - ing Christ each day _____


Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The lyrics are 'need - ing its truth through it God's voice is heard _____ we need your strength fo - llow - ing Christ each day _____'. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Like Fireworks in the Night

Ian Masson Fraser


ST JOHN

Soprano
Alto



1. Like fire-works in the night the Ho - ly Spi - rit
2. For Je - sus bade them dare to ven - ture, as they
3. Thus God our spi - rits lifts fresh dar - ing to in -

Tenor
Bass




4




came; dis - ci - ples fear took flight when touched by fronds of
should; his love taught them to share their homes, pos - ses - sions,
spire; as com - mon folk get gifts to change the world en -




8




flame: and sud - den - ly the world was young as
food: the mind of Je - sus gave them speech all
tire: the tongues of flame at Pen - te - cost ran



11



hope em - braced a Sav - our's claim.
tribes and peo - ples un - der - stood.
through the world like for - est fire.



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, June 11th

Free to come and go from 7-9pm

7-7.30pm Meditation with Jenny Jackson Miller

7.30-9pm free time for calm reflection by candlelight with music

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