

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**July 12th, 2026 at 10am
8th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Jeanne Lambert
Greeters: Howard and Noelle Bryson
Coffee Hour: Carol Khoury

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 10am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O Praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O Praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 All the redeemed washed by His blood,
come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated ev'ry sin.
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Liturgist

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

***Song (Psalm 67)**

You Have Called Us Out of Darkness

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name
to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim.

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the lamb who was slain.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.

All creation praise Your glorious Name.

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!

All our blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Liturgist

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

***Hymn** *Sing for God's Glory that Colors the Dawn of Creation* (see page 10)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Nik Rael sing *"Thank You"*

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

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***Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (see page 11)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Worship at 10am in the Chapel

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.

Adventures in Faith. Our study group meets on Wednesday at 12noon through July in the church house. On July 29th we welcome Caitlin Chan to talk about *God in Art*. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided.

Scholarships. Applications are available in the church office or call the office and Nancy will email one to you. Members and children of members of PCAT enrolling in a fulltime degree program at an accredited college or university are eligible for this grant. **Deadline to apply is TOMORROW Monday July 13th, 2026.**

Construction Works toward the installation of an elevator between the Narthex and Jim Henry Hall has begun! The Narthex and Sanctuary are currently off limits although access to Sunday worship will be possible for Grace and Love Church. Pray for smooth progress and bear with us during any inconvenience!

Sanctuary Space is next up on **July 21st, 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.

Presby Readers has selected Patrick Ryan's, *Buckeye* as our next read. We will meet to discuss the book on Sunday, July 26 at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home.

Church School and childcare will meet all summer. We have a lot of fun summer lessons planned, including time in the garden.

Vacation Bible Camp. Sign ups are underway for children 4 years old through 5th grade. August 24th – 26th from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Use the QR code and sign up today and join in on the fun!



Please note that on Fridays during July and August office hours will be shortened to accommodate staff vacation time, the office being open 8am to 12noon only.

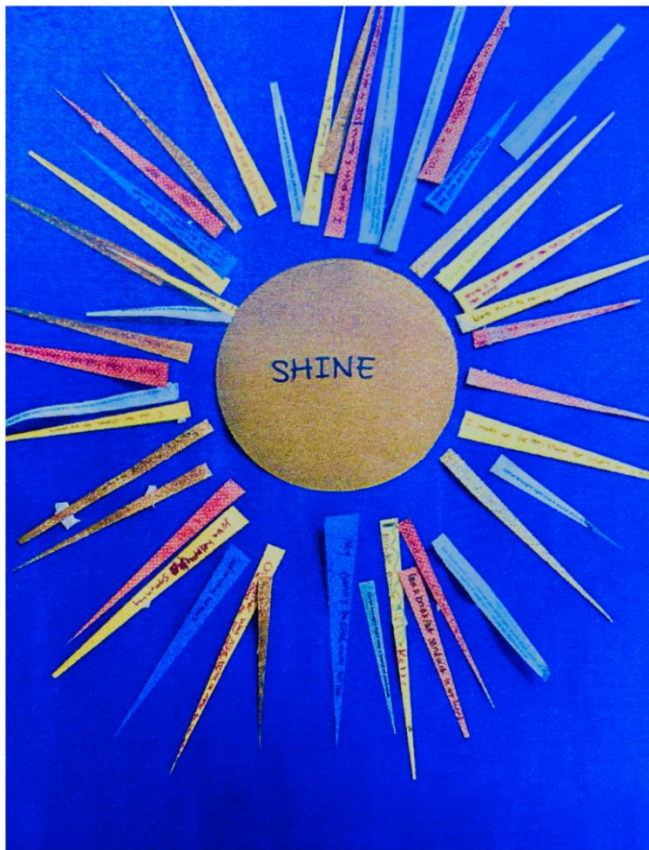
Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for two special events coming this fall.

Daniel Ficarri, the extraordinary associate organist at St. John the Divine Cathedral is coming to PCAT to give a recital in the Sanctuary on Saturday September 19th at 3pm. Don't miss it! Then on Saturday September 26th we are having a fun social event for all ages – a **Scottish family ceilidh dance** with international potluck supper in Jim Henry Hall at 5pm.

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
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

Being Christ's Light This Summer



- How did you shine this week?
Write on a colorful "ray"
- When have you noticed God shine this week?
Use a sparkle "ray"
- Use a blue "ray" when you have felt sad or concerned this week.

We invite you to notice how you have shone by *being you* this week, or where life has felt like it was tough. Add a ray to the collage to reflect how your week has been. You are welcome to write details on a ray or simply stick a blank ray on, knowing privately what it represents for you.

Sing for God's Glory

LOBE DEN HERREN 1668

Fast waltz tempo

F Dm C/E F C Dm Am Bb F Bb C7/G Dm

1. Sing for God's glo - ry that col - ors the dawn of cre -
 2. Sing for God's pow - er that shat - ters the chains that would
 3. Sing for God's just - ice dis - turb - ing each ea - sy il -
 4. Sing for God's saints who have trav - elled faith's jour - ney be -

Gm/Bb C7 F F Dm C/E F C Dm Am Bb F Bb C7/G Dm

a - tion, ra - cing a - cross the sky, trail - ing bright clouds of e -
 bind - us, sear - ing the dark - ness of fear and des - pair that could
 lu - sion, tear - ing down ty - rants and put - ting our pride to con -
 fore - us, who in our wear - i - ness give us their hope to re -

Gm/Bb C7 F F C/E F Bb F Bb/D C/E F Gm F

la - tion; sun of de - light suc - ceeds the vel - vet of
 blind - us, touch - ing our shame with love that will not lay
 fu - sion; life - blood of right, re - sist - ing e - vil and
 store us; in them we see the new cre - a - tion to

C Am Bb C7/G Dm Gm A Gm/Bb C7 F

night, warm - ing the earth's ex - ul - ta - tion.
 blame, reach - ing out gent - ly to find us.
 slight, off - er - ing free - dom's trans - fu - sion.
 be, spi - rit of love made flesh for us.

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Doodle away . . .

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