

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 15th, 2024 at 10:30am
18th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: 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. 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 and Announcements

Liturgist

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Martin: O God, open our lips

All: And our mouths shall sing out your praise!

Martin: O God, draw us into your saving love.

All: And show us your gentle embrace

***Hymn** *Sing Praise to the Lord You People of Grace (see over)*

Prayer of Approach and Confession (in unison)

God of all things. We gather with you in awe and wonder at your ways in the world. In the moments that you break through. In the times when you seem far away. Draw us into your presence now by your gentle spirit. And as we come close to you, we bring who we really are and what has been happening for us this week. We bring the regrets and the tragedies as well as the triumphs, in a moment of quiet.

Silence

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:

Kyrie Eleison

Congregation, Choir & Cantor:

Kyrie Eleison

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

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**

Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Liturgist

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you—when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD. Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

150A Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace

Unison F C/E B^b2/D Csus C

1 Sing praise to the Lord, you peo - ple of grace; fill
 2 His great - ness ex - ceeds what words can ex - plain, and
 3 Where mu - sic is made, let rhy - thms a - bound: let
 4 Yield all that you are to wor - ship the Lord— see

B^bmaj9 F2/A Gm7 Csus C F

heaven with the songs that sound from this place; since you are God's
 his is the power no force can re - strain; with fan - fares of
 cym - bals and drums add weight to the sound; with dance that is
 life as a psalm, each mo - ment a chord; let har - mo - nies

C/E B^b2/D Csus C B^bmaj9

ser - vants and meet in his name, his won - ders de -
 horns and cre - scend - os of strings raise an - thems to
 grace - ful and words that are clear, bring joy to the
 flour - ish and mel - o - dies soar— let all that has

F2/A Gm7 B^bmaj7 C7 F

clare and his glo - ry pro - claim.
 ho - nor the King of all kings.
 God you a - dore and re - vere.
 breath praise the Lord ev - er - more.

Refrain
Two part

B^bmaj7 C9 Am7 Dm

Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le!

E^b Gm11 C

Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

B^bmaj7 C9 Am7 Dm

Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le!

E^b C7 F B^b/C F

Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Choir Anthem*Be Thou My Vision* by Bob Chilcott**Reading**

James 3:1-12

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Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

HymnMay the Words of My Mouth* v. 1-4 (see over)**Sermon**

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Sharing our Gifts, during which we hear *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire***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.

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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19E May the Words of My Mouth

Refrain Eb Bb7 Eb Eb

May the words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tion

Cm Bbsus Bb Bbm Ab Eb G7/B Cm2 Cm

of my heart be ac - cept-a - ble in your sight, O

Abmaj7 Eb/G Abmaj7 Bb9 Ebsus Eb

Lord, my strength and my re - deem - er.

Cm G7 Cm7

- 1 The law of the Lord is per - fect, re -
- 2 The rule of the Lord is gra - cious, re -
- 3 The fear of the Lord is ho - ly, en -

A^bmaj7 B^bsus B^b Cm7 A^b

viv - ing the soul. The in - struc - tion of the
 joic - ing the heart; the com - mand - ment of the
 dur - ing al - ways. All the judg - ments of the

To Refrain

G7 Cm7 A^b B^bsus B^b7

Lord is true and makes the sim - ple wise.
 Lord is pure, en - light - en - ing the eyes.
 Lord are sure and right - eous, ev - ery one.

4 Your laws are more sweet than honey
 and prized more than gold;
 and from them your servant shall be taught:
 in them is great reward. *Refrain*

*Hymn 315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (see over)

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

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

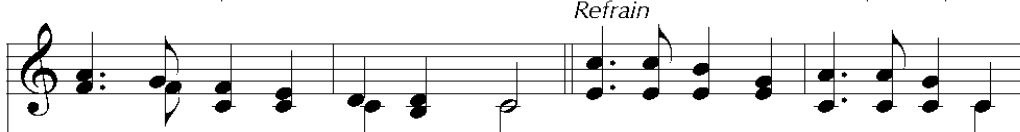
315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - a - rate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
each a love song to be sung.
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney





Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30am (sanctuary) and 10:30am (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.

The Presby Readers will be meeting to discuss Ariel Lawhon's *The Frozen River at Viki Shima's home this afternoon at 4pm*. All are welcome. Please bring questions you would like to discuss.

Our New Worship Pattern from September 15th!

Our new worship pattern, planned by the Session and endorsed by the congregation earlier this summer, is designed to build our congregational nurture, outreach and engagement by increasing opportunities for worship at different times, in different styles and in different venues. We're very happy that so many people have expressed their enthusiasm for the new model, including more worship in our beautiful chapel on Sunday mornings.

- **The 9:30am service in the sanctuary will last for 30 minutes**, and is designed to be relaxed enough for all ages to attend, although it is not an explicitly intergenerational service - there will still be an intergenerational joint service at 10:30am on one Sunday in most months. This service will be led by Pastor Martin, the band musicians and cantors as appropriate.

Coffee Hour will be held in the church house at 10am. Stay after the 9:30 service or come early before the 10:30 service. There is no coffee hour after 10:30am services on a Sunday when there are two services.

- **The 10:30am service in the chapel will last for 1 hour** and is designed with a reflective flow in mind. The service will be led by Pastor Martin and a liturgist. The music will be led by the Director of Music, Assistant Organist and the choir, with input from cantors and other musicians as appropriate.

Each month we will have a joint intergenerational service at 10:30am in the sanctuary on one of the Sundays. The schedule will be slightly different each month, so do look at this newsletter to check what's happening - details will be in the bulletins too.

Joys and Concerns. The Worship Committee has decided that from Sunday September 1st we will begin a new way of including joys and concerns in our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession on Sunday mornings.

- You can email Pastor Martin with specific prayer requests for inclusion in the Sunday services by emailing him on: pastorpcat@gmail.com and marking it "Joys and Concerns" in the subject line. Please send on by midnight on Saturday evenings for inclusion on the Sunday morning.
- You can also phone the office during the week and leave your request (201) 567 0111. OR call Pastor Martin on his cell: (551) 755 0950.
- At each service, there will be cards available in the narthex before the service which you can fill in and leave in a box at the welcome table. Pastor Martin will collect the cards when entering the sanctuary at the start of the service at 9:30am and 10:30am.
- The prayers will then be included as appropriate in the prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

We invite the prayers that you'd like to share about the joys and concerns significant to you.

Soup season is around the corner! If you would like to be a member of the Soup Squad, your efforts would be appreciated. Be sure to include the name of your soup and the ingredients used. This initiative enables us to bring comfort and nourishment to members of our congregation who are facing difficult pastoral circumstances. If you have ideas on activities you think are appropriate for a PCAT Mission project, please do not hesitate to contact either Gillian g_iappelli@hotmail.com or Mary Jane mjeimer@aol.com

Hymn Sing and International Dinner. We have 2 events on Sunday, September 22nd. You can go to either or both. At 4:30pm in the chapel we have a **Hymn Sing** led by Director of Music, Jim Millar and Pastor Martin. At 6pm in the church house there is a **potluck**

International dinner. Send requests of your favorite hymn to the church office at office@tenaflypresby.org. To join the international dinner sign up in the narthex on Sundays or via the church office. Bring a dish to share!

Mommy/Daddy and Me begins again for a new session on Saturday, September 28th 10-11:30am in the church house. This is a fun time for children 5 years and below. Parents remain and enjoy coffee and chat while the kids play!

Book Event Sunday September 29th at 4:30pm in the sanctuary. Our multi-talented member Glenn Allen talks with Jim Crook about his new book, *Played*. Described as “a brilliantly written, absorbing book which puts the full impact of the 1936 Olympic games – and its aftermath – into proper perspective. Seldom does a book immediately draw you in like this one. An important book about a critical time in world history.” Come along and bring friends to enjoy hearing from the author! Copies of the book will be on sale.

Sunday October 6th joint bi-lingual communion service with Grace and Love Church in the sanctuary at **11:30am** followed by a cookout in the gardens/church house. There are no other PCAT services on this day.

Cro-Knitters are extending an open invitation to ALL to come join us Tuesdays from 2-4pm in the church lounge. You do not have to do anything, but if you have a hobby such as cross stitch, embroidery etc. bring it along and come socialize with us. You can also just come and get a break from your normal routine; we love visitors and we would love to have you join us!

English as a Second Language (ESL) Jun Motai will once again be offering classes to meet each Tuesday in the church house beginning on September 24th and ending on Tuesday Dec. 3rd (10 classes, no class on Nov 26th) There are many fun cultural activities as well as English learning classes. Jun can be reached at motaicoaching@gmail.com

PCAT Women’s Group Dinner. We will meet Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30pm at Ciao Bella, 690 River Rd., New Milford. It’s a BYOB (bring your own bottle). Feel free to invite

a friend and please contact Marilyn Coats-Thomas (201) 888-0402 or Christina Chan (917) 887-0308 so we may plan accordingly.

PCAT Men's Group Dinner. We will meet on October 9th at 7pm at Dante's in Leonia. Contact Jim Crook or Pastor Martin if you would like to come. All are welcome!
 rjamescrook@gmail.com or pastorpcat@gmail.com

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	Wednesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am Chapel	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Mickey Sechrist alanmickey@earthlink.net
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays starting 9/24 Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
Mommy/Daddy & Me	Saturdays 9:30am-11am Church House	Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
Women's Group		Marilyn Coats-Thomas coathomas@aol.com or Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

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HYMN SING



all are welcome!



**SEPTEMBER
22ND**

4:30pm

**Old Stone
Chapel**

**Led by Director of Music, Jim Millar
and Pastor Martin**

Request your favorite hymn and email to the church office:
tenaflypresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Potluck to follow

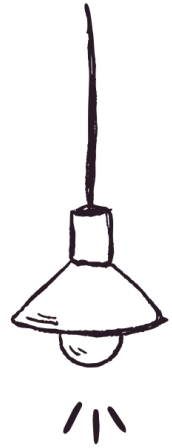
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Let's get together for an

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Pottluck - bring a dish to share!



Bring your own drinks
(alcoholic and non-alcoholic)



New Date

September 22nd @ 6pm
in the church house