

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 20th, 2026 at 10:30am
18th Sunday of Pentecost**

Sacrament of Baptism of Prince Oruada

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Kathryn Cooperman

Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas

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. Children remain in church this morning until after the baptism and will then go through to Church School for the remainder of the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Hymn**

Sing for God's Glory (see page 10)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation:	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

Introduction to the Baptism

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Baptism Song

Down in the River to Pray

*As I went down to the river to pray studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way!*
O sisters let's go down let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down, down to the river to pray

*As I went down to the river to pray studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way*
O brothers let's go down let's go down, come on down
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray

*As I went down to the river to pray studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way*
O fathers let's go down let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down, down to the river to pray

*As I went down to the river to pray studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way*
O mothers let's go down let's go down, come on down
O mothers let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Sacrament of Baptism

Promises

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Martin: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Martin: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism and Anointing

Blessing Song

May the Lord Bless You

Chords: E, A maj7, E, A maj7, B

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, may the Lord

Chords: E, A, E/B, B, E/B, B

make His face to shine up - on you. on you and ...

Chords: A, B, C#m, B, A, B, E

give you peace, and give you peace.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a three-part song. The first part has a melody in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, may the Lord'. The second part continues the melody with lyrics 'make His face to shine up - on you. on you and ...'. It includes a repeat sign with two endings. The third part has lyrics 'give you peace, and give you peace.' and ends with a double bar line. Chords are written above the staff for each measure.

Welcome and Presentation of Gifts

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Hymn (Psalm 145)

O My God, and King and Savior (see page 11)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Liturgist

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

***Hymn 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear the choir sing *Wade in the Water*, arr. by M. Hayes

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Hymn**

As a Fire is Meant for Burning (see page 12)

***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 with the band
Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary with the choir

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 AFTERNOON - Presby Readers will meet at Viki Shima's home at 4pm for a discussion on *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett.

Adventures in Faith. Our fall sessions continue to meet on Wednesdays at 12noon in the Church House. Everyone is welcome for a series of stimulating presentations and discussions exploring faith and life.

Lightshine Choir for kids aged 6 upwards led by Christina Hart begins Saturday September 26th at 10-11.30am in the Church House. All kids are welcomed, regardless of faith background.

Scottish family ceilidh dance. Saturday September 26th we are having a fun social event for all ages – with an international potluck supper in Jim Henry Hall at 5pm. Please register using the QR code or call the church office to rsvp.



World Communion Sunday is Sunday October 4th. As in previous years we will be sharing a joint communion service with Grace and Love Church in the Sanctuary at 11:30am followed by shared fellowship and food in Jim Henry Hall. **PCUSA World Communion Offering** supports ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking. Please bring your offerings with checks payable to PCAT marking WCO in the memo line.

Creation Sunday October 11th we will have a joint PCAT service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary and bring along your pets for the pet blessing at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary also.

Men's Dinner. Save the date for Thursday October 15 at 7pm. Details to follow. Contact Jim Crook at (201) 543-727 or Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com to sign up.

Fall Open House. Saturday, October 17th from 2pm – 4pm. Bring family, friends and neighbours to enjoy tours, crafts, games, music, pumpkin decorating, along with cider and donuts in our café!

Art Exhibition by Tenafly Artist Ellen Nathan Singer *Woodcuts and Etchings*. Come enjoy our launch reception in the new Imagination Zone! October 17th from 2-4pm. Access will be Monday through Friday until November 30th from 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

Sanctuary Space. Future dates through the end of the year to add to your calendar: Thursdays, October 22nd, November 19th and December 10th from 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.

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 <u>reilleysherrie@gmail.com</u>
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
Lightshine Children's Choir	Saturdays 10am-11:30am	Christina Hart office@tenaflypresby.org
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer <u>mjeimer@aol.com</u>
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

Sing for God's Glory

LOBE DEN HERREN 1668

Fast waltz tempo



1. Sing for God's glo - ry that col - ors the dawn of ere -
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 -



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 -



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



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.

145F O My God and King and Savior

Unison G C/G D/G C/G G C/G Gmaj7 C/G

1 O my God and King and Sav-ior, I will bless you ev-ery day;
 2 All your works speak of your king-dom, where you reign e - ter-nal-ly,
 3 God, you gave the hun-gry man-na, now your church you dai-ly feed,

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G Gmaj7 C/G

you are great, be - yond all tell-ing, yet will lis-ten when I pray.
 yet from where your great com-pas-sion reach-es out to com-fort me;
 o-pen-ing wide your hand and pour-ing gifts of life to those in need.

G Bm7 Cmaj7 Am7 G Bm7 Cmaj7 D

A - ges past have sung your prais - es; now my gen - er - a - tion sings
 and your saints on earth ac-claim you, as your mer-cies they re - call,
 Ev - ery day I'll strive to serve you, seek-ing nei-ther wealth nor fame,

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G Bm/D G

of your glo - ry, splen-dor, good-ness, and to you its hom-age brings.
 know-ing you will nev - er leave them for you made and love them all.
 on - ly strength to speak your prais - es, and to bless your ho - ly name!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

F B $\flat$ /F F F/E Dm Dm/F Dm B $\flat$ C7/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ F

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing flame,
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed,

F B $\flat$ /F F F/E Dm Dm/F F/C B $\flat$ C/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued.

C/E C C/E Dm Am F/A B $\flat$ B $\flat$ maj7

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C Dm Dm7/C B $\flat$ F/A Gm7 Am B $\flat$ F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

LIGHTSHINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A fun singing group for 6-12 year olds



Starts September 26th, 2026

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**Thursdays: Sept. 10th, Oct. 22nd,
Nov. 19th, Dec. 10th**

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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