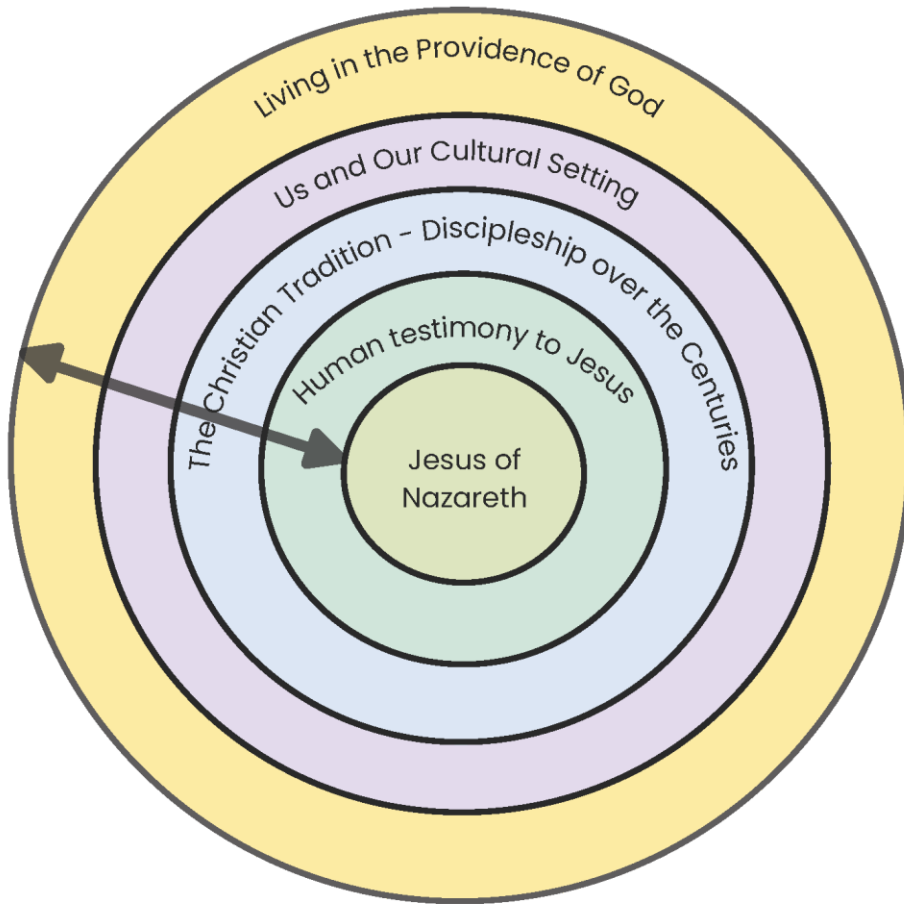


The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 21st, 2025
16th Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Chris Young
Ushers: Howard and Noelle Bryson

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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service. 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, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Hymn 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Choir Anthem

Ain't Got Time to Die, trad. spiritual

Jorddy Romero, solo

Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Liturgist

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

***Hymn 792**

There is a Balm in Gilead

Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie, Liturgist

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted

shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

***Hymn 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Sermon

Serving God

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts, during which we hear Jim Millar play *Song Without Words* by F. Mendelssohn, Op. 19 No. 1

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 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***Blessing in the round with Sung Celtic Amen**
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am in the Chapel with band (30 minutes)

10am Coffee Hour in the Church House

10:30am in the Sanctuary with choir (one hour)

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

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.

Fall/Winter Brochure. Copies of our outreach program brochure are available in the narthex today. Take one for yourself and please help by sharing copies with family, friends and neighbors.

TONIGHT! International Potluck Dinner at 6pm in the church house. Bring a dish to share! Come enjoy good company with members, friends and neighbors.

Adventures in Faith begins again on Wednesday September 24th at 12 noon in the church house. This week we will be discussing the theme *lost and found* from our worship on September 14th. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided.

Community Hymn Sing. Next Sunday September 28th at 4:30pm in the chapel we have a Hymn Sing. Send requests of your favorite hymn to the church office at office@tenaflypresby.org. Guests are welcome!

Save the Date! October 4th we'll celebrate Fall with a **Festival!** There will be something for everyone. Children's singing workshop, face painting, family friendly games, pumpkin decorating, live music stage at 4pm on the Sanctuary steps featuring Nik Rael and others a fish and chips dinner at 6pm and a fantastic Hart family concert at 7pm in the Sanctuary. You can do it all or the bits you want to in whatever combination. All information is posted on the bulletin boards and in our fall brochure or check our webpage for times. Please sign up for dinner after church in the narthex or call the church office.

Sanctuary Space will next be on October 30th. Come and go as is helpful to you between 7-9pm. Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary. Open to all faiths and none.

Fall Clothing and Coat Drive for Greater Faith Works of Paterson. Time to put away the pastels and sandals and bring out the long sleeve shirts and sweaters. As you make the transition, think about donating a few items for our fall clothing and coat drive. Always helpful when you designate your bags adults or children, with further breakdown of women or men; girls or boys. The drive begins Sunday October 5th and ends at noon on Thursday October 23rd. Please drop donations in the church office. Any questions, contact Mary Jane Eimer at mjeimer@aol.com. Thanks for your generosity for those in need.

ESL - Volunteer Teachers Wanted!! Do you speak English? You're qualified!!! (No prior experience, degree or certification required!) The ESL - English as a Second Language - fall program begins Tuesday, September 30 and continues Tuesday mornings through December 9th in the church house. Each week the volunteer teachers share the English language and American culture with highly motivated Japanese and Korean adult students. Please consider joining the PCAT ESL "Faculty". Contact Jun Motai if interested: motaicoaching@gmail.com

PresbyReaders. Get ready, we are reading another "tome." We will be discussing Stephanie Dray's, *Becoming Madam Secretary*. This book is about Frances Perkins who was a trusted lieutenant to FDR administration. Many of you may be a bit familiar with her from reading *No Ordinary Times*, earlier this year. We will meet Sunday, October 5th at Mary Jane Eimer's home at 4pm.

PCAT Men's Dinner October 7th, 7pm. We would like to invite you to our first men's dinner of the fall, which we are planning for Europe Cafe and Grill, 1 Highwood Avenue, Tenafly. They have an outdoor terrace, under cover, and hopefully not too cold (but bring a jacket/coat!!) - they will move us inside if the weather is bad. It's BYOB. Plenty of parking close by. The menu has a Turkish vibe with a lot of variety and price points. Delicious! europecafeandgrill.com Contact Jim Crook (201) 543-7227 or Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com to let us know if you can come.

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	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
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

Doodle away . . .

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