

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 27th, 2026 at 9:30am
19th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson

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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

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***Song** *Holy Spirit, Living Beath of God*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me,
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth,
cause Your Church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reflection

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Prayers

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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**

***Song**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church;
we need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

(Refrain)

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth. **(Refrain twice)**

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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



Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday

11:30am in the Sanctuary

Joint Communion Service with Grace and Love Church

Everyone is welcome for lunch in Jim Henry Hall following worship.

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 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 will meet Saturdays from 10-11.30am in the Church House. All kids are welcome, regardless of faith background.

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 Tenaflly 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 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
Lightshine Children's Choir	Saturdays 10am-11:30am	Christina Hart office@tenaflypresby.org
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
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Doodle Away ...

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