

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 28th, 2025
17th Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carol Khoury
Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas and Roger Maxfield
Coffee Hour: Diane Allen

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 465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Nancy Smith

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?' Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long

time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

***Hymn 43 (Psalm 91)**

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Liturgist

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

Choir Anthem

Rock-a My Soul in the Bosom of Abraham

Sermon

Under God’s Wings

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts , during which we hear Cathy Coppolino sing *My Dwelling Place*, by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Kelly Minter, Chris Eaton and Stewart Townend.

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

Liturgist

Liturgist: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

*** Hymn 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Blessing in the round with Sung Celtic Amen**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Bower from husband, Rick and her loving family.

TONIGHT! Community Hymn Sing at 4:30pm in the chapel. Guests are welcome!

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.

Adventures in Faith meets Wednesday at 12 noon in the church house. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided. This week we continue with the *Lost and Found* theme.

Save the Date! Next Saturday October 4th we'll celebrate Fall with a **Festival!** There will be something for everyone. Fun children's singing workshop starts at 3pm in the Church House. Face painting, family friendly games, pumpkin decorating, live music stage at 4pm on the Sanctuary steps featuring Nik Rael and others along with 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 no later than Tuesday, September 30th for the dinner; Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or call the church office**

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.

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, Tenaflly. 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.

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.

Tenaflly High School Music Students Fundraiser Concert, Monday September 29th at 7pm in the Old Stone Chapel Hello everybody, we are Ethan and Brian, seniors at Tenaflly High School. We're organizing a series of charity concert in order to promote music education programs of public high schools around Bergen County, and specifically Tenaflly High School. Our mission is to underscore the importance of school music programs as a medium for students to foster their talent and inspire them to achieve great things through music. By showcasing the incredible work of young musicians, we hope to raise both awareness and funds for the programs that support them. Admission to our concerts are free, but we encourage donations from audience members to support music programs across the county. Beyond financial contributions, attendees can also support us by spreading our message across the community. By raising funds, we aim to strengthen and expand school music programs. First, any amount collected will demonstrate community support for music education, encouraging schools to maintain and prioritize these programs. Second, sufficient funding would allow for direct improvements, such as purchasing new instruments and expanding program opportunities. Our broader vision is to extend this impact beyond Tenaflly High School to Bergen County, supporting as many students as possible through enriched music education. Our first concert features works by Ravel, Chopin, Elgar, Mozart, and more. We hope you can make it to our concert!

Regular Groups at PCAT

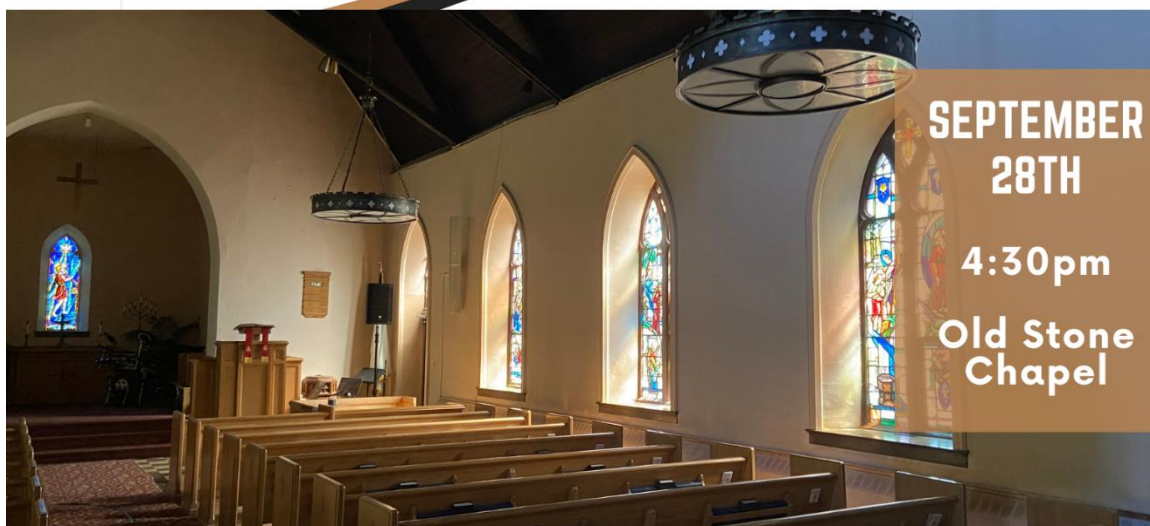
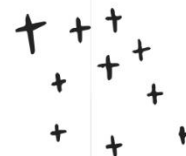
GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Wednesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
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
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



HYMN SING



all are welcome!



**SEPTEMBER
28TH**

4:30pm

**Old Stone
Chapel**

Request your favorite hymn and email to the church office:
office@tenaflypresby.org



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Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly presents



Fall for Music Festival

Family-friendly games

Face Painting

Live music

Fish & Chips Dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH



Hart family

**Bring the whole family, friends, and neighbors
to enjoy this festival of music, fun and food!**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Nik Rael

3pm

Kids Sing-Along Workshop

4pm

Music Stage featuring Nik Rael and support

6pm

Fish and Chips Dinner (please RSVP)

7pm

Hart Family Showcase in the Sanctuary

Don't miss out on this perfect fall day!

For more information, call us: (201) 567-0111 or visit
www.tenafllypresby.org

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PET BLESSING SERVICE



Sunday, October 12th
4:30PM
in the Sanctuary

*Bring all your pets (live and toys!) that bring so
much joy to our lives and brighten our days
with their loving presence.*



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Doodle away . . .

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