

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 28th, 2025
17th Sunday of Pentecost at 9:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson, Cathy Coppolino
Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee (instrumental scholars)
Usher: Brian Coats-Thomas
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 in the Narthex 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

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Song (Psalm 91)**

On Eagles' Wings (see page 4)

Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jonathan Chan

‘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.””

Reflection

Under God’s Wings

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Solo

My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)

Cathy Coppolino and Anna Lee

by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Kelly Minter, Chris Eaton and Stewart Townend

Prayers

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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**

Be Thou My Vision (see page 4)

***Sending, Benediction and Celtic Amen**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

Refrain

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true Son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Band Bridge

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, 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.

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 Tenafly 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
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Doodle away . . .

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