

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**October 12th, 2025
19th Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

Intergenerational Worship for Creation Sunday

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Coffee Hour Host: Melissa Rexroth
Ushers: Ron Rexroth and Christopher Kuttner

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. We welcome children to stay in church for part of the service today. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

*** Hymn 664**

Morning Has Broken

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Kyrie Eleison

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

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**

Choir Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter

Interactive

The Good Creation OR *And it was Very Good!*

***Song**

Our God is a Great Big God

Refrain 2x's

***Our God is a great big God
our God is a great big God
our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands***

Verse:

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
since before the world began
how wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan! **Refrain:**

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(children leave for church school activities)

Slowly, slowly, they return
To the small woodland let alone:
Great trees, outspreading and upright,
Apostles of the living light.

Patient as stars, they build in air
Tier after tier a timbered choir,
Stout beams upholding weightless grace
Of song, a blessing on this place.

They stand in waiting all around,
Uprisings of their native ground,
Downcomings of the distant light;
They are the advent they await.

Receiving sun and giving shade,
Their life's a benefaction made,
And is a benediction said
Over the living and the dead.

In fall their brightened leaves, released,
Fly down the wind, and we are pleased
To walk on radiance, amazed.
O light come down to earth, be praised!

***Song (Psalm 67)**

May the Peoples Praise Thee (see page 6-7)

Poem: *Psalm 67: LXVII Deus misereatur* by Malcolm Guite

Jane Sharp

Till love himself comes as a revelation
We'll live on mercy, and we'll seek his face
Whose every look is light. In every nation

He is acknowledged, and all peoples trace
The shimmer of his presence, seek to follow
The hints and glimmers of his fleeting grace,

Feel after him and find him, learn to hallow
The places where the veil seems very thin:
The forest grove at sunrise or the hollow

In the hills on autumn evenings when
We seem to hear the horns of Efland blowing
And strange unearthly longings draw us in.

Then we come close to God without our knowing,
As he approaches us with wordless blessing,
And Eden's rivers here on earth are flowing.

Reflection

Reaping and Sowing

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts, during which we hear a setting of Psalm 8, *How Majestic is Your Name*
by Shane Barnard

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



Dedication Prayer

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Haniel: God our Maker
All: Hear our Prayers

*Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Blessing and Sung Celtic Amen

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

May the Peoples Praise You

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend, Ed Cash, and David Zimmer

With Vigour (♩ = 112)

1. You have called us out of dark - est night, In - to Your glor - ious light, That
 2. May our ev - ery breath re - tell the grace That broke in - to our strife With
 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, And
 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, May
 5. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to

we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. 2. May our
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less
 from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known. 4. May the
 songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your
 ev - ery na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro -

life.
 Word. } May the peop - les praise You, Let the nat - ions be glad! All Your
 claim. }

14 F/A G/B C C/E F F C/E G
 bless - ing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of Je -

19 C G/B Am⁷ F C

1. [to verse] 2.

sus. 3. All the

Bridge

F G C/E F

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.

F/A G/B C

1. Dm⁷

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.
All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous

⊕ CODA

2. D.S. ♩

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Name. Let the

C G/B Am⁷ F C G/B Am⁷ F C

sus.

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.

TODAY! Pet Blessing at 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.

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 will be thinking about "the good creation" inspired by Genesis 1.

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.

Meet the Artist. Sunday October 26th at 4pm we welcome Gwyneth Leech. This NYC based artist joins us to speak about and show her paintings which capture the drama of the city. She will also reflect on her murals that transformed the drab interior of St. Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow, Scotland in the 1990's.

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.

Movie Night. *How to Train Your Dragon* with pizza and popcorn for kids 3 years to 5th grade. Saturday, November 15th from 4-6pm in the Church House. Free admission. RSVP by Nov. 11th at (201) 567-0111

The Presby Readers will be meeting Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at Viki Shima's home. We picked a "short" book this go round. Join us to discuss Peter Bringley's, *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me*. Come with a few discussion points and book suggestions for the new year!

Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
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Pizza and
Popcorn
included!



**ages 3 years to 5th grade
must be accompanied by an adult**

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