# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



## *For Every Heart a Home*

**October 18th, 2026**
**22nd Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**
**Liturgist: Kathryn Cooperman**
**Coffee Hour: Nancy Smith**

*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 (Psalm 95)** *O Come and Sing Unto the Lord* (see page 10)

**Prayers of Approach and Confession** Liturgist

**Kyrie Eleison**

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**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** Isaiah 45:1-7 Liturgist

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

*** Song (Psalm 118)** *This Day Was Made by the Lord* by Christopher Walker

***(All) Refrain***
*This day was made by the Lord,*
*let us rejoice, let us be glad.*
*This day was made by the Lord,*
*let us rejoice in salvation!*

***(Choir) Verse 1***
I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 2***
Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 3***
The stone which the builders rejected
is the cornerstone,
is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 4***
You opened the gates of heaven,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 5***
You are my strength and my Savior,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

**Reading** Matthew 22:15-22 Liturgist

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

***Hymn 330 (Psalm 124)** *Our Help is in the Name of God*

**Psalm 34: XXXIV *Benedicam Domino***

He raises and delivers us from death,
and even now he shows us how to live
that we might savour life with every breath,

That we might taste and see, might truly thrive,
might see the good days that he wants for us
and make the best of all he has to give.

And so he comes to live as one of us
and teaches us afresh the ways of peace.
He lives the fullest life in front of us

And shows us how to break the bonds, release
the captive, seek the truth that sets us free,
to choose the right and do it, to increase

The reach of love, the possibility
of fruitful life together, and to hear
the poor cry out and help them speedily.

By Malcolm Guite, from *David's Crown.*

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear the choir sing *Tell His Salvation* (Psalm 96) by Michael Ware

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless His name; tell His salvation day by day. Declare His glory to the nations. He will save. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless His name; tell His salvation day by day. God gave His Son, His name is Jesus. He will save. He will save. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless His name; tell His salvation day by day!*

*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**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise him all creatures here below;**
**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Dedication Prayer** Liturgist

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Hymn 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*** Benediction and Sung Celtic Amen** Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

**Postlude**

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

## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY**
**9:30am worship in the Chapel with the band**
**10:30am worship in the Sanctuary with the choir and Lightshine Choir**

**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 Presby Readers** will meet this afternoon at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home. We hope you can join us. Bring a question or two and suggestions for future books.

**Adventures in Faith.** All are welcome on **Wednesdays** at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided! *Our focus for the next few weeks will be looking at Malcolm Guite's psalm poems from his volume "David's Crown" which many of you purchased to read alongside the original psalms.*

**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. (No rehearsal on Saturday Oct. 31st and Nov. 7th).

**Clothing and blanket drive for Greater Faith Works.** As you change over to your fall and winter wardrobe, please consider donating unused clothing or blankets to Greater Faith Works based in Paterson. They especially need men's clothing but appreciate women's and children's clothing too. New this year is our asking for clean blankets as well. It is especially helpful if you can mark your bags with female child, male child, women, or men clothing. Helpful if blankets are in separate bags. We are accepting donations now. Please bring your goods on Sunday and drop in the box in the Narthex. Deadline is by 12 noon on Thursday, November 12th. Thank you. Any questions, contact Mary Jane at mjeimer@aol.com or text 201-914-7545.
*Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Committee Co-chairs*

**Art Exhibition** by Tenafly Artist Ellen Nathan Singer *Woodcuts and Etchings* launched in the new Imagination Zone yesterday! Further access will be Monday through Friday until November 30th from 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

**Sanctuary Space. This Thursday October 22nd.** Future dates through the end of the year to add to your calendar: Thursdays, 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.

***The Golden Hour*** song recital. Sunday, October 25th at 4:30pm in the Chapel. Come listen to Christina and Jason Hart in an art song recital as they explore themes of romance, warmth and quiet beauty across four musical sets of poetry set to song in English, French, Spanish and German. You can read all about it in the Northern Valley
Press article which you can find by following this link
https://issuu.com/thepressgroup/docs/northern_valley_october._2026?fr=sOWZhNzgzNTU2MDc

**A Time to Remember**. Sunday, November 1st at 4:30pm in the Chapel. A gentle hour of remembering and giving thanks for those we have loved and lost with music, words and creativity.

**Lunch and Listen.** You're invited to a soup and sandwich lunch following 10:30am worship on November 8th in the church house to meet and hear from Aaron Daly, Chief Executive of Bergen Family Center. He will talk about the work of the center and his vision for the future. He is an inspiring guy! Don't miss him. Please sign up for catering and seating purposes.

**Scooby Doo Mystery Night**. Saturday, November 14th from 4pm – 6:30pm. Kids 4 years through 6th grade can join Miss Sherrie to watch a short Scooby Doo movie and solve a mystery. Scooby snacks of pizza and popcorn! Children 4 years through 2nd grade to be accompanied by an adult please. **Sign up today by calling or emailing the church office**.

**Poets Café.** Sunday November 15th 4pm in the Church House. We welcome local star poet and teacher Gary Whitehead, published in The New Yorker and with five volumes of published poetry behind him. He'll be bringing his protégé Genevieve Sarnak and current students from Tenafly High School. Come be amazed!

**Book Event.** ***Officers' Mess*** Enjoy a talk on Sunday, November 22nd at 4pm with local author Sandra Nunez as she discusses her memoir, blending personal family history with a pivotal moment in Sri Lankan politics — the 1962 attempted coup d'état — offering a rare perspective on post-colonial conflict and its impact on individuals and communities.

**Tenafly Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving** is Tuesday November 24th at 7:30pm at Temple Sinai

**Greening of the Church for Advent**. Saturday November 28th at 9:30am. Come lend a hand to help decorate our sanctuary and chapel for Christmas.

**Come and Sing Advent** with Will Farnham Saturday November 28th at 2:30pm. This is an open invitation to singers from church and the wider community to enjoy learning beautiful music which will be performed the same day in our candlelight service of Music and Readings for Advent at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

**Regular Groups at PCAT**

| GROUP | WHEN | CONTACT |
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| AA (Morning Glory) | Saturdays 10:30am<br>JHH | Jay McSherry<br>JayMcSherry@earthlink.net |
| Adventures in Faith | Wednesday 12pm<br>Church House | Pastor Martin<br>pastorpcat@gmail.com |
| Bell Choir | Tuesdays 4pm<br>Room 203 | Jim Millar<br>Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org |
| Choir | Sundays 9am | Jim Millar<br>Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org |
| Church School and Childcare | Sundays 10:30am | Sherrie Reilley<br>reilleysherrie@gmail.com |
| Cro-Knitters | Tuesdays 2pm-4pm<br>Lounge | Joan Roselle<br>(201) 569-3819 |
| English Second Language (ESL) | Tuesdays 10am-12pm<br>Church House | Jun Motai<br>Motaicoaching@gmail.com |
| Lightshine Children's Choir | Saturdays 10am-11:30am | Christina Hart<br>office@tenaflypresby.org |
| Mommy/Daddy/and Me | | Christina Chan<br>Shanghai68@gmail.com |
| PresbyReaders | Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm) | Mary Jane Eimer<br>mjeimer@aol.com |
| Women's Group | | Marilyn Coats-Thomas<br>coathomas@aol.com or<br>Christina Chan<br>Shanghai68@gmail.com |
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# O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

**Psalm 95** **IRISH**



# *The Golden Hour*
## Song Recital



Mezzo soprano, Christina Hart and her husband, pianist Jason Hart of the renowned Hart Music Studios, invite you to *The Golden Hour*, an art song recital exploring themes of romance, warmth and quiet beauty across four musical sets of poetry set to song in English, French, Spanish and German.

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## Sunday October 25th at 4.30pm
### in the Old Stone Chapel
### Presbyterian Church at Tenafly.

**55 Magnolia Ave**
**www.tenaflypresby.org**

*Everyone is welcome and admission is free, with donations in support of the arts outreach program welcomed.*

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