The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

October 18th, 2026 at 9:30am
22nd 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 Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Song** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* (see page 5 and 6)

Reading Matthew 22:15-22

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.

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.*

Reflection Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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** *How Great is Our God (The Splendor of the King)*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age God stands, and time is in His hands. Beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The God head, three in one. Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing.
How Great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing.
How Great is our God!
How great is our God! Sing with me. How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

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



Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Words and Music by
BRIAN DOERKSEN





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
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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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com


SANCTUARY SPACE
Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly. Open to all faiths and none.
Thursdays: Oct. 22nd, Nov. 19th, Dec. 10th
Free to come and go from 7-9pm
7-7.30pm Meditation with Jenny Jackson Miller
7.30-9pm free time for calm reflection by candlelight with music
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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.

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

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

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