The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

October 25th, 2026 at 9:30am
23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Violinists: Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee, Ryan Lee

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 *Speak, O Lord*

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Song** *Here in This Place* (see page 4)

Reading Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 *Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You* (see page 5)

Benediction and Celtic Amen
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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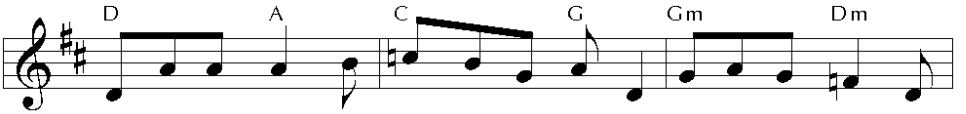
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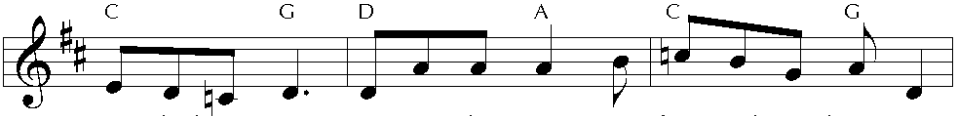


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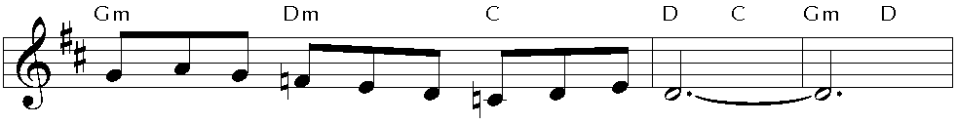
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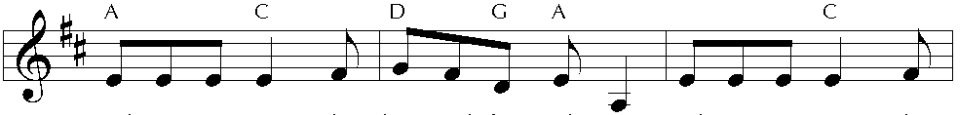


1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
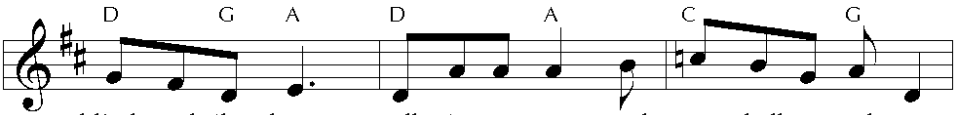


van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;
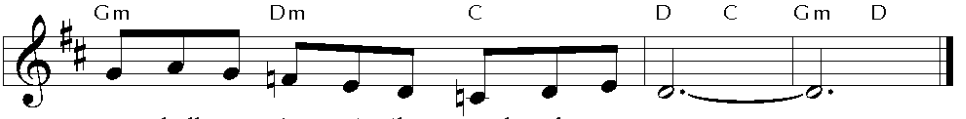


brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



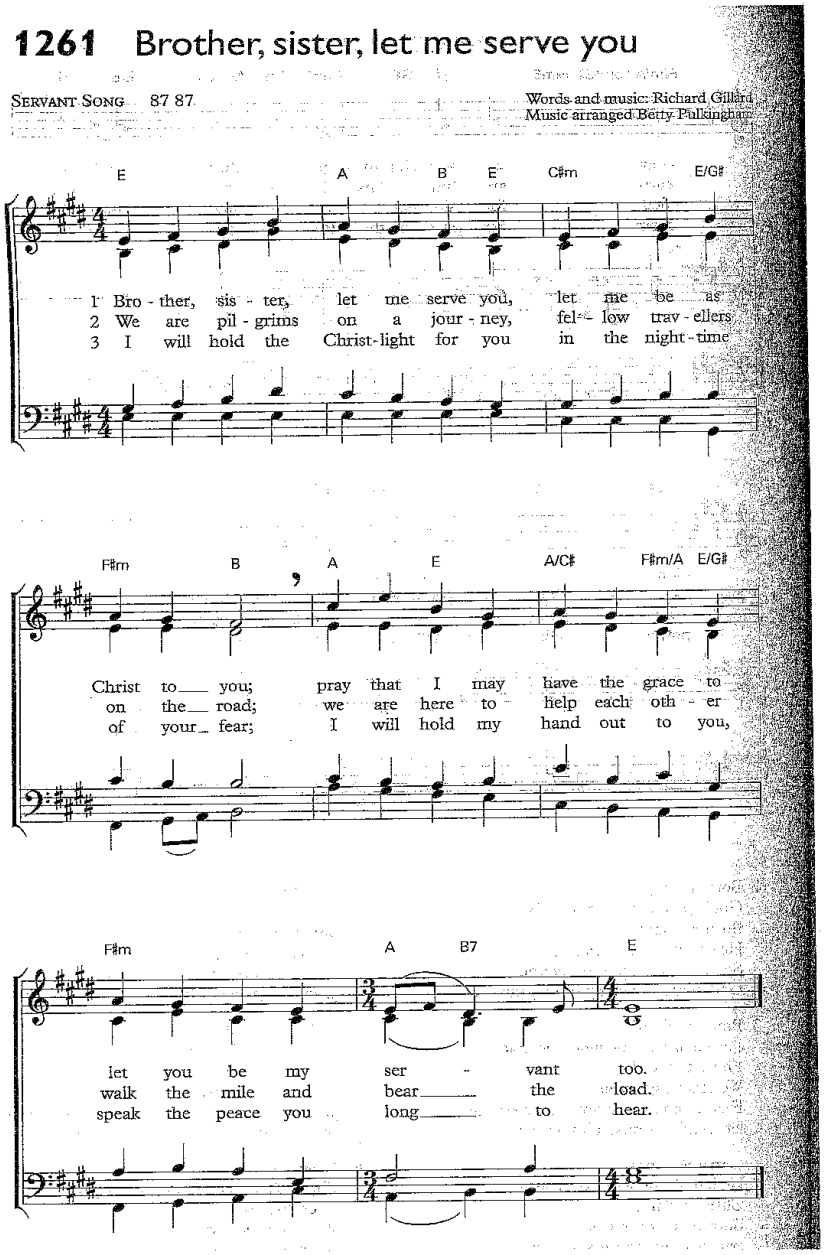
Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Verse 1
Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Verse 2
We are pilgrims on a journey,
and travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Verse 3
I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Verse 4
I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Verse 5
When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Verse 6
Brother, sister, let me serve you.
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pray that I may have the grace to
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Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9:30am in the Chapel with the band
10am Coffee Hour in the Church House
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11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House
(on Communion Sunday we invite donations of shelf stable food
for the Center for Food Action.)
A Time to Remember at 4:30pm in the Chapel

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.

Adventures in Faith. All are welcome this **Wednesday** at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided! This week our theme will be "how are we formed?"

Lightshine **Choir for kids** aged 6 upwards led by Christina Hart meets 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 last Saturday! Further access will be Monday through Friday until November 30th from 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

A Time to Remember. Next 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.

Sanctuary Space. 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.

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.

The Presby Readers enthusiastically support the Saturday, November 22nd at 4pm book discussion of Sandra Nunez's, *Officers' Mess*. Please check upcoming newsletters and bulletins for our January book selection and the meeting location.

Tenafly Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving is Tuesday November 24th at 7:30pm at Temple Sinai. There will be an interfaith choir rehearsing at 6:30pm. All are welcome to take part – let Jim Millar know.

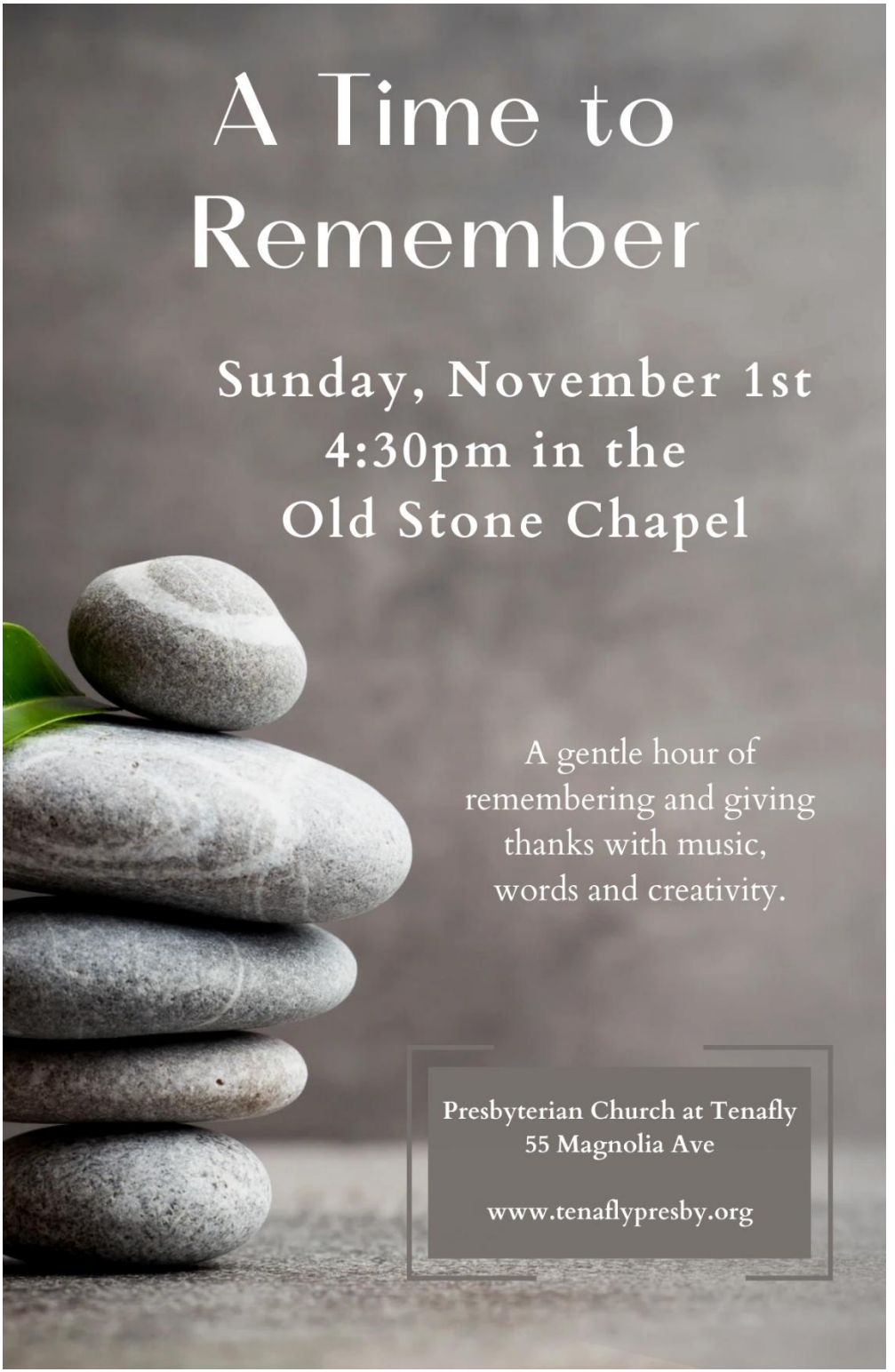
Greening of the Church for Advent. Saturday November 28th at 9:30am. Come lend a hand to help decorate our Sanctuary and Chapel for Christmas.

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.

Amahl and the Night Visitors: Saturday, December 5th at 7pm. A short magical and heartwarming Christmas opera by Menotti starring Christina Hart as the mother and Teddy Hart as the son. Directed by Jim Millar

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
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


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with

Aaron Daly, Chief Executive, Bergen Family Center



Sunday November 8th
In the Church House
following 10.30am
Worship

Soup, sandwiches
Vegan and Vegetarian and Gluten Free Catered for.

Please sign up for catering and seating purposes

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pizza and popcorn

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Doodle Away . . .

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