The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

November 8th, 2026
25th Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Kathryn Cooperman
Ushers:

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 the Lunch and Listen with Aaron Daly of Bergen Family Center in the Church House after the service. Soup, drinks and cake will be available.

Prelude

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

Minute for Stewardship James Oruada

Call to Worship

*** Hymn** *Sing for God's Glory* (see page 5)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Kyrie Eleison

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

Collect for the Day Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Time Together

***Song** *Build Up One Another* (see page 6 and 7)

Reading Amos 5:18-24 Liturgist

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***Hymn** *For Everyone Born* (see page 8)

Reading Matthew 25:1-13 Liturgist

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not

be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear the choir sing *Springs in the Desert*, by Arthur Jennings

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 Liturgist

***Hymn** *Glory to God* (see page 9)

***Blessing and Sung Celtic Amen** Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

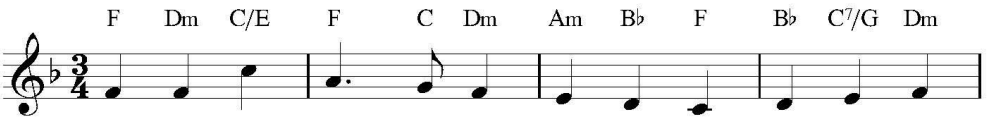
Postlude

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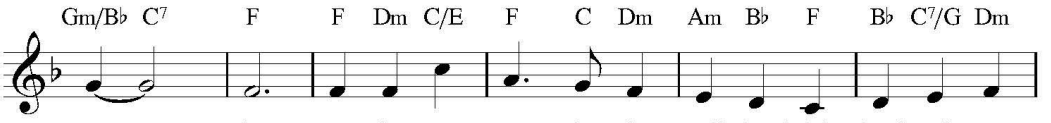
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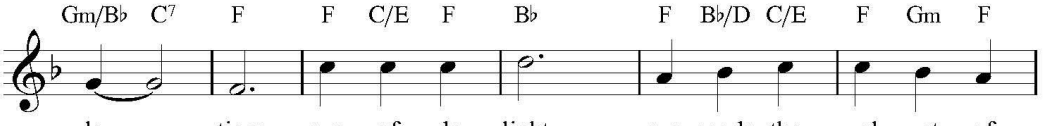
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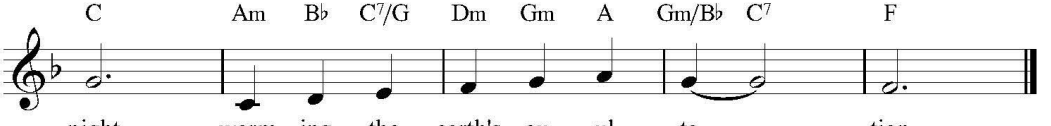


1. Sing for God's glo - ry that col - ors the dawn of cre -
2. Sing for God's pow - er that shat - ters the chains that would
3. Sing for God's just - ice dis - turb - ing each ea - sy il -
4. Sing for God's saints who have trav - elled faith's jour - ney be -



a - tion, ra - cing a - cross the sky, trail - ing bright clouds of e -
bind us, sear - ing the dark - ness of fear and des - pair that could
lu - sion, tear - ing down ty - rants and put - ting our pride to con -
fore us, who in our wear - i - ness give us their hope to re -



la - tion; sun of de - light suc - ceeds the vel - vet of
blind us, touch - ing our shame with love that will not lay
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store us; in them we see the new cre - a - tion to
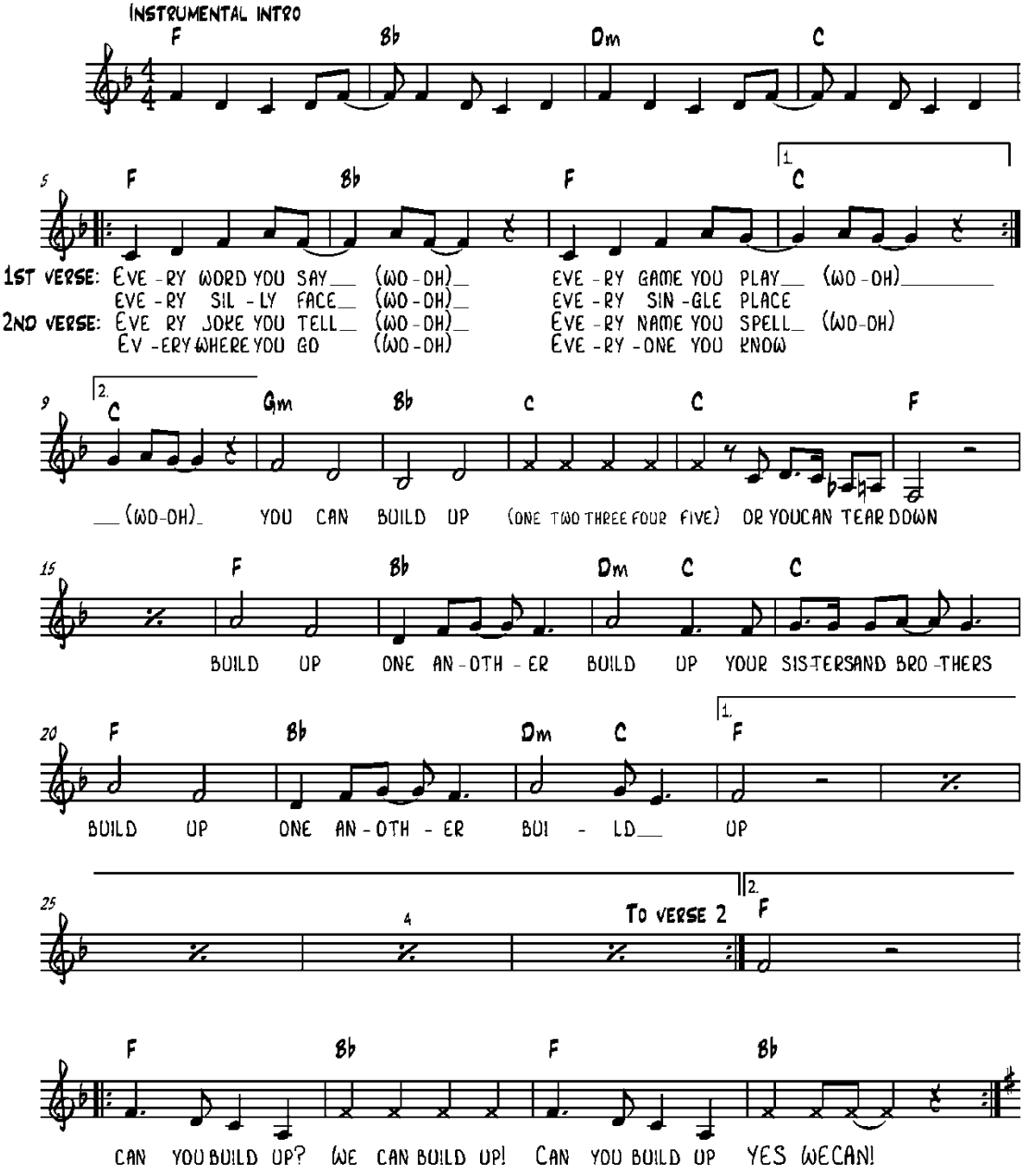


night, warm - ing the earth's ex - ul - ta - tion.
blame, reach - ing out gent - ly to find us.
slight, off - er - ing free - dom's trans - fu - sion.
be, spi - rit of love made flesh for us.

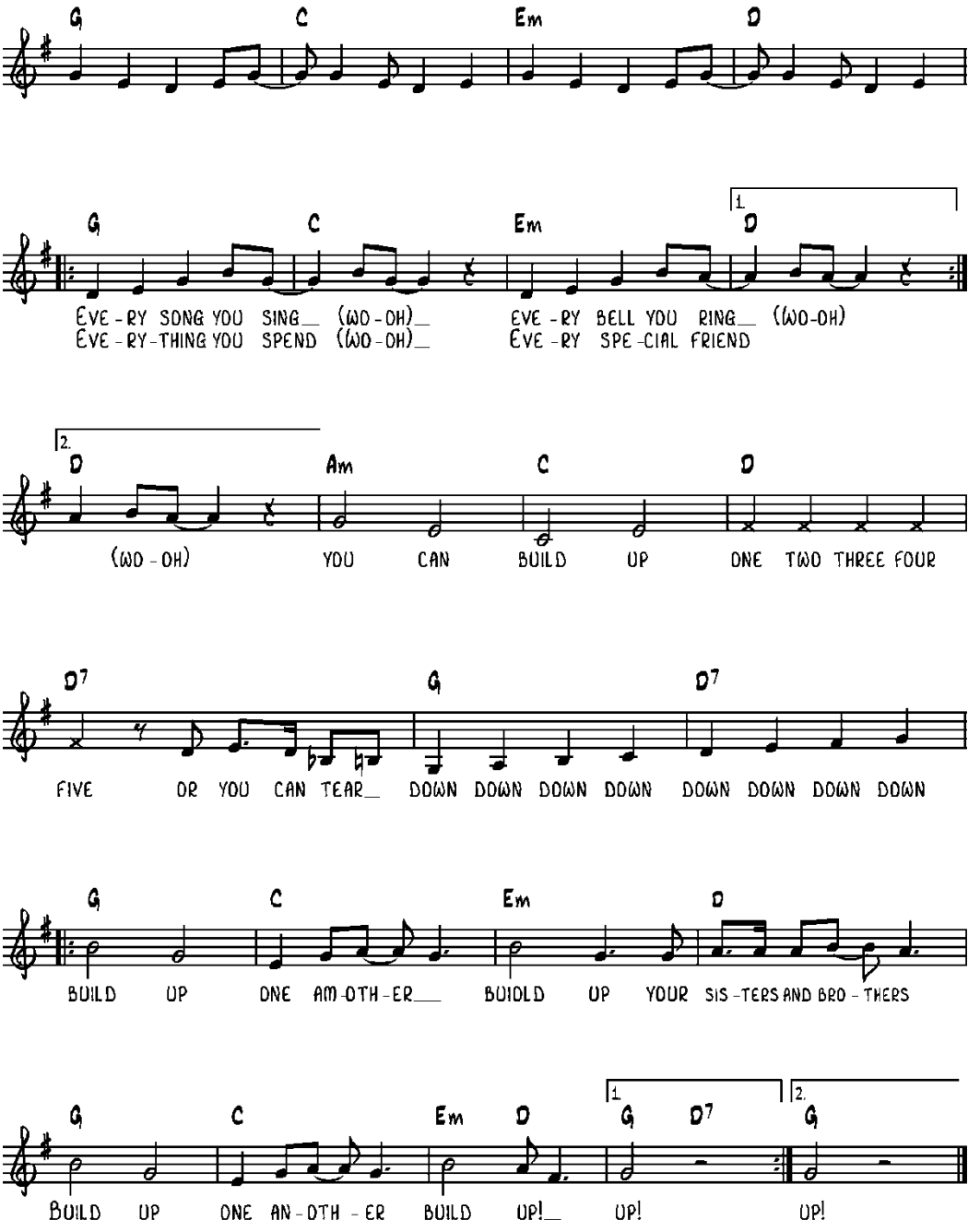
Build Up One Another

Bouncy/Happy

Stephen Fischbacher
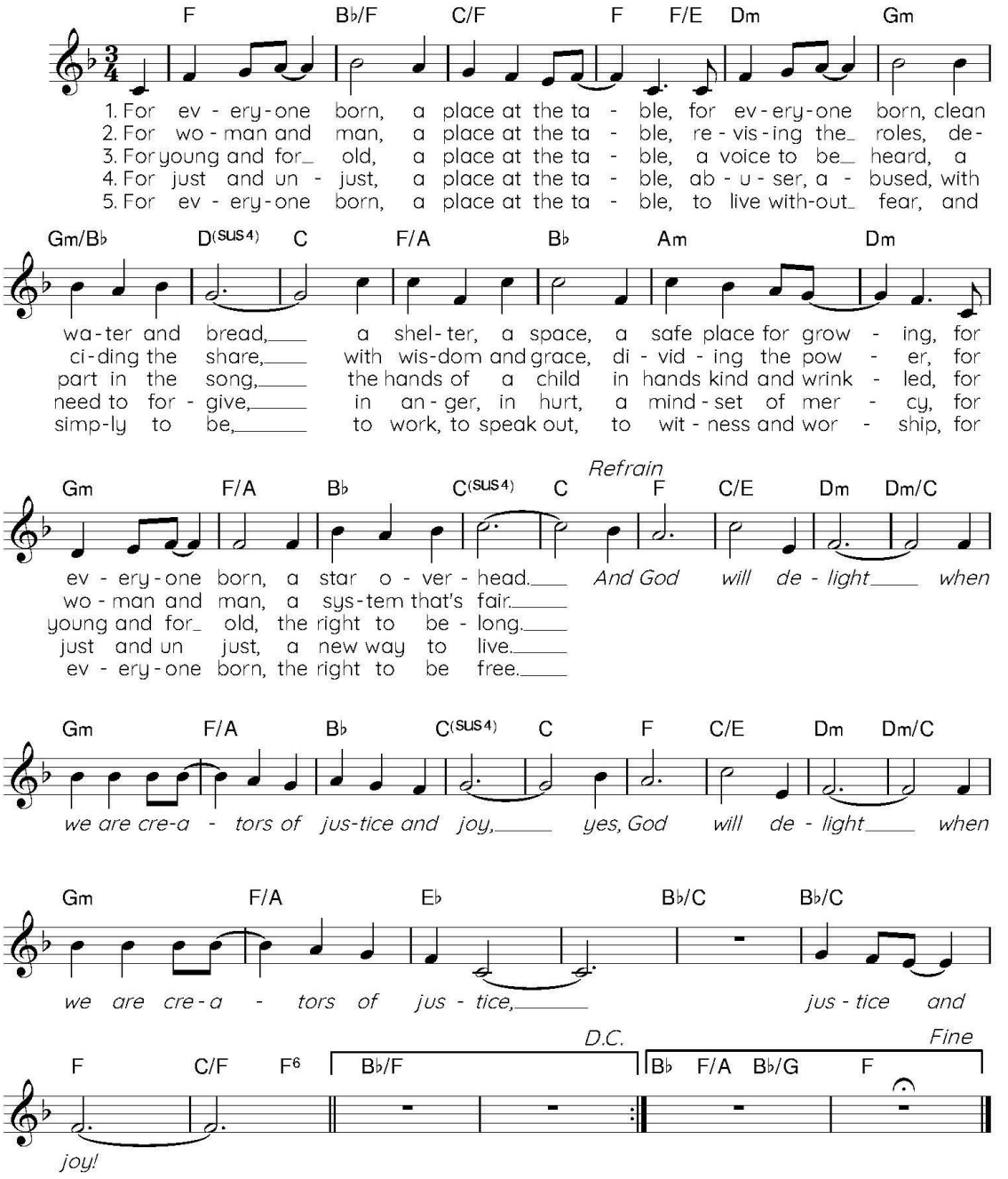


INSTRUMENTAL BREAK



For Everyone Born

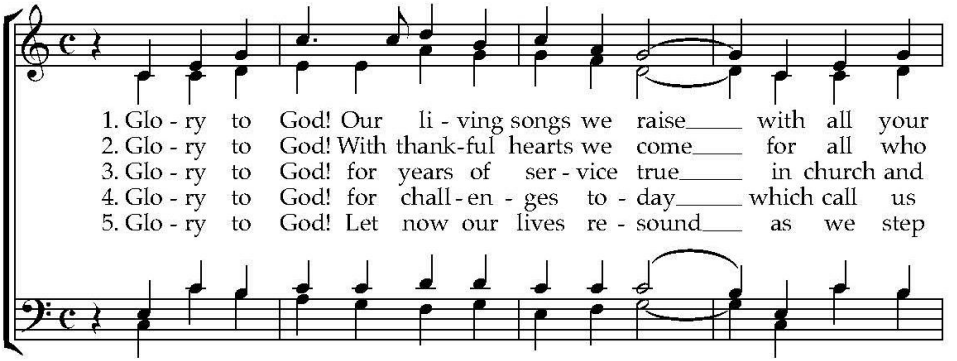
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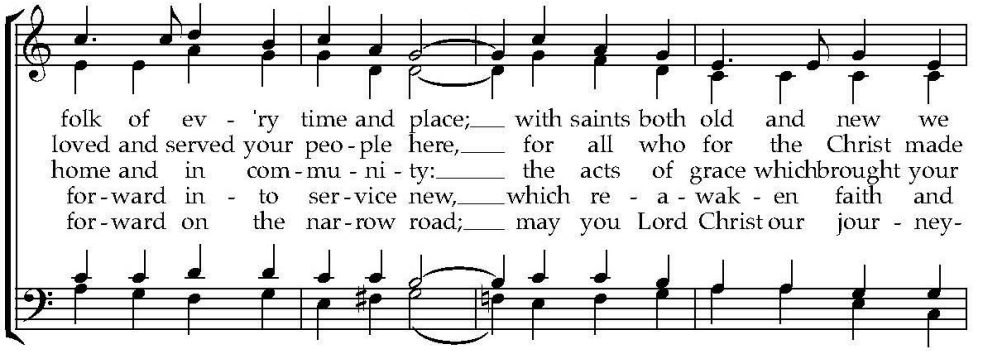


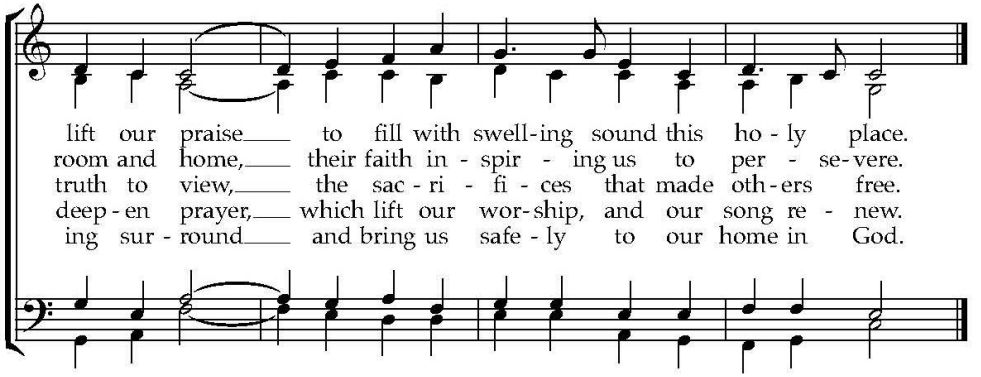
Glory to God

Leith Fisher

The Bleacher Lass o'Kelvinaugh







PCAT Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am worship in the Chapel with the band
10:30am worship in the Sanctuary with the 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.

Following Worship - *Lunch and Listen*. You're invited to a soup and sandwich lunch 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.

TODAY AT 2pm. *Beethoven Adjacent* is a concert featuring our own Jim Millar on piano and flutist Dr. Carol Shansky. The program includes works by composers in Beethoven's orbit and is at River Vale Public Library, 412 Rivervale Road, River Vale NJ. Admission is free.

This Tuesday - Men's Dinner. All men are welcome, including guests from outside the congregation November 10th at 7pm at Mr. Wok 1 Highwood Ave, Tenafly. Contact Jim Crook (201) 543-7277 or Pastor Martin (pastorpcat@gmail.com) if you would like to come. **Save the date: Tuesday December 15th for our next dinner.**

Adventures in Faith. All are welcome this **Wednesday** at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided!

Clothing and blanket drive for Greater Faith Works. We are accepting donations now until 12 noon this Thursday, November 12th. Please bring your goods and drop in the box in the Narthex. 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*

Ellen Nathan Singer's exhibition of glorious woodcuts and etchings is on display in our new gallery, *The Imagination Zone*, until November 30th. It's located in the education block corridor which runs between the Church House and the Chapel. Items are for sale with a 30% commission to PCAT! The exhibition can be viewed during church events and the usual office hours of Monday-Friday 9am-12noon and 1pm-3pm. Feel free to come and bring people along! If you're interested in buying, email the office: office@tenaflypresby.org or phone (201) 567 0111.

***Lightshine* Children's Choir.** Next rehearsal November 14th in the Church House at 10am-11:30am.

Scooby Doo Mystery Night. **NEXT 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**.

Poet's Café. Next 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!

Front Page Press Again! Read all about our fall events around poetry and memoir in this excellent piece in the Northern valley press: [https://thepressgroup.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/northern-valley-press-2026-11.pdf] Huge thanks to Jim Crook for his work in the area of press.

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.

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 Sunday, 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

Doodle Away . . .

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