

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

**Intergenerational Worship**

## ***Affirmation Sunday***

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**

**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

### **\*Song (Psalm 84)**

*Better is One Day*

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, oh Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

***Refrain:***      *Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house.  
Better is one day in Your courts  
than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in your courts,  
Better is one day in your house.  
Better is one day in your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere.*

2. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty.  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place your glory dwells.    ***Refrain***

Bridge: Band only – vocal solo from Nik Rael.

[My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me. I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You, to You!]      **Refrain**

## Prayers of Approach and Confession

### Kyrie Eleison

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Choir:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Choir:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Choir:</b>	Kyrie Eleison

### Declaration of Forgiveness

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**

### Choir Anthem    *Light of a Clear Blue Morning* by Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning.  
It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand new a-dawning.  
I've been looking for the sunshine, 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.  
Ev'rything's gonna work out fine. Ev'rything's gonna be alright, it's gonnna be okay.*

*I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand new day.  
I can see the light of a clear blue morning. Ev'rything's gonna be alright, it's gonnna  
be okay.*

**Living Stones**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\*Song**

*Build Up One Another*

Every word you say (wo-oh)  
Every game you play (wo-oh)  
Every silly face (wo-oh)  
Every single place (wo-oh)  
You can build up: ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE!  
Or you can tear down.

*Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another, build up!*

Every joke you tell (wo-oh)  
Every name you spell (wo-oh)  
Everywhere you go (wo-oh)  
Everyone you know (wo-oh)  
You can build up: ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE!  
Or you can tear down.

*Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another, build up!*

Can you build up? WE CAN BUILD UP!  
Can you build up? YES WE CAN!  
Can you build up? WE CAN BUILD UP!  
Can you build up? YES WE CAN!

Every song you sing (wo-oh)  
Every bell you ring (wo-oh)  
Everything you spend (wo-oh)

Every special friend (wo-oh)  
You can build up, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE,  
Or you can tear down, down, down, down, down, down, down, down.

*Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up!*

*Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up!*

***The House of God***

***A Video Interview***

***Song by Cantors***

***Hello Emmie***

***Minute for Stewardship***

Marilyn Coats-Thomas

**Offering Ourselves** during which we hear Nik Rael sing *Goodness of God*, by Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson, arr. by Dan Galbraith

*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



**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** during which we sing the chant, *Take, O Take Me as I Am* found at hymn 698

**\*Hymn**

*Lord, for the Years* (see page 6)

**\*Benediction and Sung Celtic Amen**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

**Postlude**

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

# Lord, for the Years

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Michael Baughen



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guid - ed,  
 2. Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires\_ us,  
 3. Lord, for our land, in this our gen - er - a - tion,  
 4. Lord, for our world; when we dis - own and doubt him,  
 5. Lord, for our - selves; in liv - ing power re - make us,



urged and in - spired us, cheered us on\_ our way,  
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls\_ a - blaze,  
 spi - rits op - pressed by pleas - ure, wealth and care;  
 love - less in strength, and com - fort - less\_ in pain;  
 self on the cross and Christ up - on\_ the throne;



sought us and saved us, par-doned and pro - vi - ded,  
 teach - es and trains, re - bukes us and in - spires us,  
 for young and old, for com - mon-wealth and na - tion,  
 hun - gry and help - less, lost in - deed with - out him,  
 past put be - hind us, for the fu - ture take us,



Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.  
 Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ple's praise.  
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.  
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.  
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ a - lone.

## 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.

**Emmie Parsell's 104th birthday!** Today at coffee hour everyone is welcome to come join in celebrating Emmie's birthday in the Church House following our congregational meeting.

**THIS AFTERNOON / *Shall Not Hate*** at 4pm in the Church House. We have an exclusive US screening of this powerful and inspiring movie. Invite friends and come along – sign up in the narthex after the service.

**Veterans' Day Commemoration – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am** at the flag staff in the church ground for a short but meaningful act of worship. In the Sanctuary if the weather is bad!

**Tenafly Community Choir - this Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The doors are open for ANYONE who enjoys singing, regardless of faith tradition or where they live, to come and enjoy learning great Christmas music, sacred and secular, with a really inspiring choir director. Pass on the invitation to anyone you know who sings and might be up for it! Any queries contact Jim Millar at [dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org](mailto:dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org)

**Adventures in Faith** meets this Wednesday at 12 noon in the church house. We'll be taking a deep dive into Gwyneth Leech's murals at St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow, which had a taster of during her visit on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided.

**Sanctuary Space will be THIS THURSDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>,** the final one for this year. Come and go as is helpful to you between 7-9pm in the main Sanctuary. Let the pressures

of life melt away as you connect with essence in this calm and beautiful candlelit space. Open to all faiths and none.

**The Soup Squad.** We are asking all soup makers to share a container of their home-made soup. Pastor Martin and the Deacons use the soup when visiting members of our congregation; It's a wonderful way to nurture members of our church family. Please arrange with Nancy in the office to drop off donations and help with labeling, the type of soup and the ingredients are needed. Meat-based, vegetarian, and vegan soups are welcome. Many thanks for sharing your culinary skills and being a member of the Soup Squad!

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

**Carriage House Concerts.** We are very happy to be hosting the Carriage House Concerts series promoted by the Women's Club of Englewood, in our Old Stone Chapel, with the first concert coming up **NEXT SUNDAY November 16th at 5pm**. These are world class professional concerts in the intimate setting of the Chapel and are on sale via the promoter's Eventbrite page (see the newsletter for the link to buy tickets ahead or buy at the door). World class artists, pianist Vassily Primakov and violinist Filip Pogady are joined by cellist and Artistic Director Ani Kalayjian in a passionate program of works by Tchaikovsky, Arensky and more! Tickets: \$30 - Free for students under 18

**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!

**Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving will be on Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Atonement at 97 Highwood Avenue. As usual, there is an Interfaith choir, and any interested singers are invited to join (meets at 6.30pm to rehearse on the night). Please come to the service and join with our neighbors of all faiths to share the common ground of Thanksgiving.

**Save the Date: Blockbuster Christmas Festival Weekend on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** December 2-5pm: Open house with a specially decorated Chapel and Sanctuary and festive café in the Church House; **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**: Pageant at 10.30am and Community Choir concert at 7pm.



## Regular Groups at PCAT

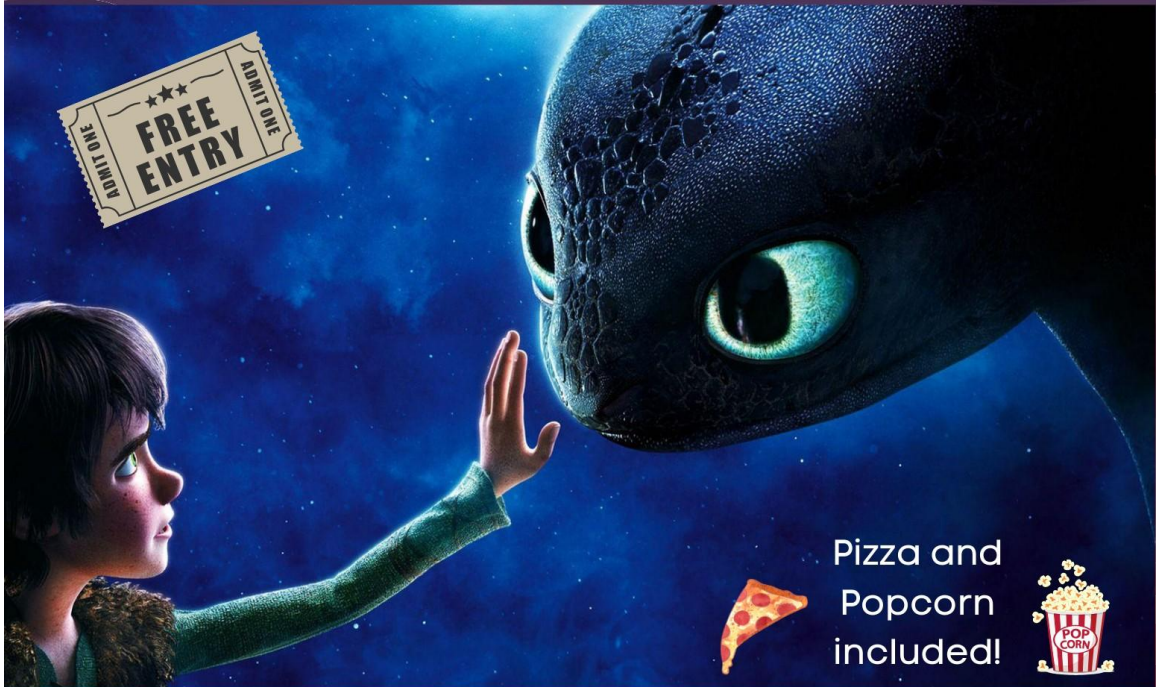
GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Tuesdays 4pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley <a href="mailto:reilleysherrie@gmail.com">reilleysherrie@gmail.com</a>
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
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# MOVIE NIGHT

How to Train Your Dragon

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4-6pm**



**ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
must be accompanied by an adult**

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**Thursdays Sep 18th, Oct 30th, Nov 13th 7-9pm**

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*Doodle away . . .*

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