

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



A shoot shall come out from the stalk of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots
Isaiah 11:1

For Every Heart a Home

**November 16th, 2025
24th Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Marilyn Coats-Thomas
Ushers: Jim Crook and Brian Coats-Thomas
Coffee Hour: Don and Viki Shima

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

Liturgist

Minute for Stewardship

Jack Rexroth

*** Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (see page 5)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

A Chorister sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Kyrie Eleison
A Chorister sings:	Christe Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Christe Eleison
A Chorister sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Kyrie Eleison

Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

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

Choir Anthem

Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen by M. Praetorius

Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Liturgist

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

***Hymn 330** (Psalm 124)

Our Help is in the Name of God the Lord

Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Liturgist

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will

not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

*** Hymn 100**

Canticle of the Turning (Magnificat/Song of Mary)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts

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**

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Jack Rexroth

***Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

***Sharing in the Grace**

Liturgist

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.

***Sung Celtic Amen**

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

72A Hail to the Lord's Anointed

G D C Dsus D G

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit-ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in-cense bring;

D C Dsus D G

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.

Asus A D C G Em D

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

G/B C Am D C Dsus D G

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.
 and right-eous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 your king-dom still in - creas - ing, a king-dom with-out end.

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.

Carriage House Concerts tonight at 5pm in the Chapel. A passionate program of works by Tchaikovsky, Arensky and more! Tickets: \$30 - Free for students under 18.

Tenaflly Community Choir - this Tuesday, November 18th 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

Adventures in Faith meets this Wednesday at 12 noon in the church house. This week we take a dive into the gospel of Matthew which is the featured gospel for the new church year beginning November 30th on Advent Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided.

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!

Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving will be on Tuesday November 25th 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.

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!

Save the Date! PCAT Men's Dinner Monday December 8th at 7pm Venue tbc.

Save the Date: Blockbuster Christmas Festival Weekend on **Saturday December 13th** from 2-5pm: Open house with a specially decorated Chapel and Sanctuary and festive café in the Church House; **Sunday 14th**: 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
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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
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Doodle away . . .

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