

# 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost at 9:30am**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson**  
**Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee** (instrumental scholars)  
**Usher: 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 in the Narthex 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** *Speak, O Lord*

**Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\*Song** *Here in this Place*

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **Reading**

Isaiah 65:17-25

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.

## **\*Song**

Canticle of the Turning (see over)

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain:*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard

is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

## Reflection

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## Prayers

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## 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

*Go Light Your World*, by Chris Rice

1. There is a candle in ev'ry soul, some brightly burning, some dark and cold.  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes His home.  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness, see out the hopeless, confused and torn;  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle and go light your world.
2. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way;  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a candle without a flame.  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the lonely, the tired and worn;  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle and go light your world.

3. We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing, so let's raise our candles and light up the sky!  
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus, "Make us a beacon in darkest times!"  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the helpless, deceived and poor;  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle and go light your world.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness, see out the hopeless, confused and torn;  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle and go light your world.

**\* Benediction and Celtic Amen**

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

**Postlude**

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

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## **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 18<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. This week we take a dive into the gospel of Matthew which is the featured gospel for the new church year beginning November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Venue tbc.

**Save the Date: Blockbuster Christmas Festival Weekend** on **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 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
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