

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9:30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

## Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Musicians: Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson, Cathy Coppolino**  
**Coffee Hour Host:**

*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 our worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.*



*All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.*

### **Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

### **Announcements**

### **Lighting the Advent Candles**

**\*Advent Hymn (v.1)**      *Hope is a Candle (see over)*

### **Gathering Prayer**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

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

# Hope is a Candle

GALLOWAY TAM



1. Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the pro - phets,
2. Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
3. Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
4. Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
5. Christ is the light that the pro - phets a - wait - ed,



ne - ver con - sumed, though it burned through the years, dim in the day - light of threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed. Friend, feel no en - vy for mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark; laugh - ter at hear - ing the where ev' - ry face is the face of a friend. Wi - den the cir - cle by Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child. Christ is the love and the



pow - er and priv - 'lege when they are gone, hope will shine on.  
those in the sha - dows vio - lence and force their dead end course.  
voice of an an - gel ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.  
shar - ing and giv - ing God's ho - ly dare: love ev - 'ry - where.  
mys - t'ry and laugh - ter; can - dles make way! Christ is the day.

**Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Song***Thank You*, by Nik Rael**Reflection***The Great Thanksgiving*

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\*Hymn 647***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***Sharing Communion****Telling the Story****Sharing the Bread and Wine****Post-Communion Prayer****\*Song** (Psalm 103)*Praise God My Soul!* (see over)**Benediction and Celtic Amen***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***Postlude**

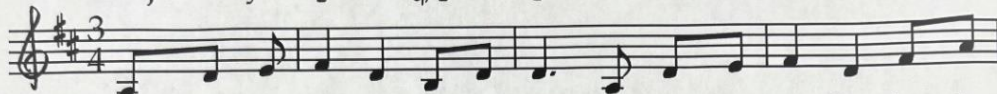
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**\*If you are able, please stand.**

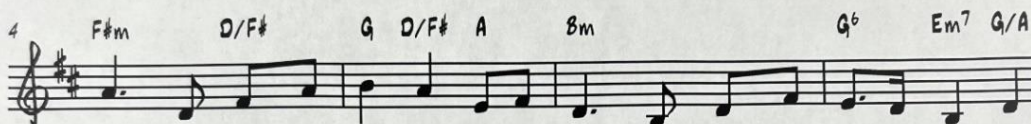
# Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

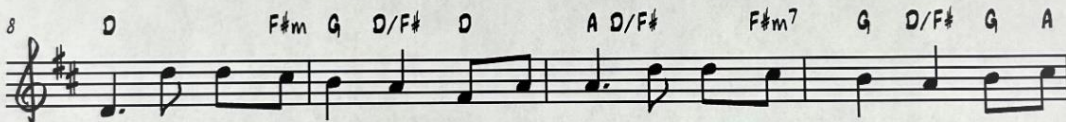
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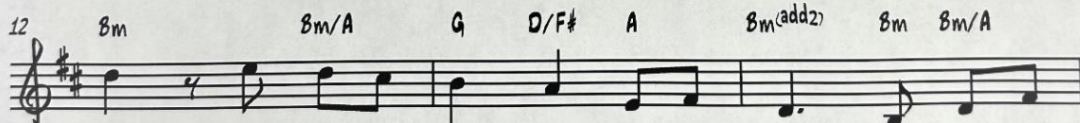
1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly  
 2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of  
 3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their



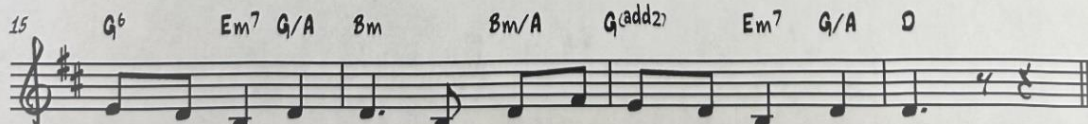
name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -  
 grace. He will not con - stant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his  
 seed, for those who keep his cov en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts



claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of  
 face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his  
 heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his



good, so that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful  
 name. For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he  
 word. Praise God, his works through - out the world, And you, my



vi - gor is re - newed. Your youth - ful vi - gor is re - newed.  
 knows our fee - ble frame. And well he knows our fee - ble frame.  
 soul, O praise the Lord! And you my soul, O praise the Lord!

## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY: December 8th**

**PCAT Worship 9:30am in the Sanctuary and 10:30am 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** will pick up again on Wednesdays beginning on December 4<sup>th</sup> 12 noon in the church house. Our theme this year is **"Keeping Christmas"** - especially affirming the place of the beautiful nativity story in our faith lives (despite the ultra Calvinist legacy of not mentioning the festival.....). There will be three weeks of enriching input and conversation about how the Christmas story developed, what it means to us, and the part it may play in Christianity more widely today. Art, ideas, crafts, tastes, smells, sounds, memories....all will be part of the series. Come along! Everyone welcome - and no major preparation required! Bring your lunch if you like, drinks provided! Dip in when you can or come to all - and invite anyone you like!

**Ladies Night Out.** We have scheduled our next get together at Ciao Bella in New Milford. Reminder that Ciao Bella is a BYOB. We hope that you'll be able to join us.

**Date: Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Ciao Bella, 690 River Road, New Milford**

There is a rear parking lot and you then walk around to the front of the restaurant which faces River Road. *Please let Marilyn know if you plan on coming so we can coordinate with the restaurant. (Christina will not be able to join us that night so please contact Marilyn this time around).* We're so looking forward to seeing you and bring a friend along if you wish - you can simply respond with your name and how many guests you'll be bringing. Marilyn (201) 888-0402

**PCAT Men's Christmas Dinner** Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Dante's in Leonia. Let Jim Crook or Pastor Martin know if you can come. All are invited!

rjamescrook@gmail.com cell (201) 543-7227 or pastorpcat@gmail.com

**Advent Music and Readings December 8<sup>th</sup> Old Stone Chapel at 6:30pm** - our special service of music and readings for the season of Advent is a glowing and hopeful hour of beauty. Jim Millar and our Community Choir will lead the music in the gorgeous setting of the candlelit chapel. Put the date in your calender - and could you invite a friend?

**Mommy/Daddy and Me** has paused for the holiday season. Stay tuned for plans for 2025!

**Caroling and Fish and Chips Dinner December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Tree lighting and caroling at 5pm in the sanctuary. Dinner in Jim Henry Hall at 5:45pm. **Sign up for dinner via the list in the narthex today or call the church office.**

**Coat Drive** We would welcome good quality, good condition winter coats for all ages and genders to help our new partners, Greater Faith Works, who operate out of the United Presbyterian Church of Paterson. Bring to the narthex collection box on Sundays or to the office during the week (9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm).

**Christmas Angels appeal to help a disadvantaged family** this Christmas. See the newsletter for details and there are helpful gift tags on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex today. Contact Sherrie Reilley if you have questions. [reilleysherrie@gmail.com](mailto:reilleysherrie@gmail.com)

**Invite a Friend!** Invitation cards for our *Advent and Christmas* program are now available in the Narthex. Take one and use it! Let's get a great turnout for all of our fabulous festive events.

**Soup season** is here! If you would like to be a member of the Soup Squad, your efforts would be appreciated. Be sure to include the name of your soup and the ingredients used. This initiative enables us to bring comfort and nourishment to members of our congregation who are facing difficult pastoral circumstances. Contact Nancy in the office to arrange your delivery of soup to the church.

**Cro-Knitters** are extending an open invitation to ALL to come join us Tuesdays from 2-4pm in the church lounge.

**PresbyReaders** our next meeting will be on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm when we will have a discussion with Glenn Allen on his book *Played*. Location to be confirmed.

## 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	Wednesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am Chapel	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Mickey Sechrist alanmickey@earthlink.net
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays starting 9/24 Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
Mommy/Daddy & Me	Saturdays 9:30am-11am Church House	Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
Women's Group		Marilyn Coats-Thomas coathomas@aol.com or Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

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