

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**December 14th, 2025 at 10:30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Pageant**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Ushers: Diane Allen and Brian Coats-Thomas**  
**Coffee Hour: Christine Semsel**

*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 throughout the service today.*



**Prelude**                      *Do You Hear What I Hear*

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Announcements**

**\*Song**                                      *Angels (Glory to God)*

Glo-ria, Glo-ria  
Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the angels in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Glo-ria, in Excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heave'nly song

Glo-ria, in Excelsis Deo  
Glo-ria, in Excelsis Deo

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest forever  
For all He has done, His unfailing love  
Glory to God in the highest forever

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the new-born king

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Glory to God, Glory to God,  
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Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God in the highest  
Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God in the highest.

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

The Coppolino Family

**\*Advent Song (v. 1, 2, and 3)**

*Hope is a Candle (see page 11)*

**\*Song**

*Ring-a-ling-a-ling*

## **Christmas Pageant** ***Sharing His Story***

### **Cast**

Youth Leaders

Angus Iappelli  
Isla Iappelli  
Bea Hart

Youth

Teddy Hart  
Anjali Jackson-Miller  
Bodhi Jackson-Miller  
Brock White  
Alexandra Johnston  
Carly Johnston

Mary  
Joseph

Alexandra Johnston  
Jameson Parks

Shepherds

Teddy Hart  
Bodhi Jackson-Miller  
Brock White

Angel

Carly Johnston

### **Angel Choir**

Jacob Hanover, Carly Johnston, Alexandra Johnston, Preston Ozsoy, Jameson Parks, Rowan Ritchie

### **The Band**

Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson, Cathy Coppolino  
Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee (instrumental scholars)

### **Songs**

Ring-a-ling-a ling	All Youth
Angel Band	All Youth
In a Manger	Bodhi and Anjali duet
Shepherd Song	Teddy and Bea Hart
Prince of Peace	featuring Bea Hart, Isla Iappelli and Preston Ozsoy
Ring the Bells	All sing (see over)

**\*Song**

*Ring the Bells*

**(Band)**

Nightly, softly, the world lies sleeping  
Heaven bends to earth below  
Christmas morning, children waking  
To hear the sacred story told

Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel  
Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel has come

So, join the host of angels singing  
Glory to the new born Christ  
Good, good news fills the sky

**(all sing)**

Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel  
Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel has come

Our long awaited wonderful saviour  
Has come to deliver us out of the darkness  
And into his marvellous love that has given us life.

New life, (new life)  
shine your light (shine your light)  
Shine it bright

Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel  
Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Emmanuel  
Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Emmanuel

Ring the bells, ring the bells  
Ring the bells, Emmanuel has come!  
Ring the Bells!

## Photo Opportunity

**\*Carol**

*Hark! The Herald*

**(Isla Iappelli, Solo)** 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

**(All sing)** 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,

born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

## **Our Gratitude!**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*Huge thanks to Miss Sherrie, Miss Cathy, Miss Michelle, all of the band, tech team, Nancy Benell in the office, Chris Schwab our custodian, to the kids and their parents and anyone who has helped along the way!*

**Sharing our Gifts**, during which we hear Samantha Semsel and the band sing *Light of the World*

*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



## **Dedication Prayer**

## **Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Song** *From Heaven to Earth/Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing

Let heaven and nature sing, sing  
Let heaven and nature . . .

Sing! For the Lord is come  
Oh, what a wondrous love  
Sing! For the Lord is come  
From heaven to earth

Our King! Is victorious  
He is great and glorious  
Sing! For the Lord is come  
From heaven to earth.

2. Joy to the world the savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

3. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

### **Benediction and Celtic Amen**

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

### **Postlude**

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

## **Announcements**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Service of Readings and Carols at 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
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.

**THIS EVENING - Christmas Concert, 7pm in the Sanctuary.** Tenafly Community Choir and Orchestra, directed by Jim Millar, will have a fabulous program of festive favorites, sacred and secular, with Christmas Carols for all to join in! Come along and bring a friend.

**Adventures in Faith** meets this Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the church house when we continue our Advent study, *The First Christmas*. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided.

**From Irene Scartozzi: Table-to-Table - Volunteer Opportunity. What You'll Do:** Wrap gifts for shoppers (training and all supplies provided). **Where:** The Shops at Riverside, Hackensack. If interested, contact [sconley-webb@tabletotable.org](mailto:sconley-webb@tabletotable.org) We're currently looking for volunteers to cover the following shifts: **Dates:** December 17–20, and 22–23 **Shift Times:** 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**The Soup Squad.** We are asking all soup makers to share a container of their home-made soup. Please arrange with Nancy in the office to drop off donations and help with labeling, the type of soup and the ingredients are needed. Many thanks for sharing your culinary skills!

**Greater Faith Works of Paterson, NJ Christmas Appeal.** This Christmas please help us to support the needs of the Greater Faith community. We will be collecting the following items through December 14<sup>th</sup>. 1. Personal hygiene items. 2. Blankets. 3. Hand warmers. 4. Monetary donations in lieu of the above [cash or checks made out to PCAT with *Greater Faith Works* in the memo line]. Thank you for your generosity.

**PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering** which distributes gifts equally to the assistance program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian related schools and colleges, equipping communities of color, will be take on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Letters and offering envelopes are available in the narthex and will be mailed to those unable to pick up. They can be placed in the offering plate, handed to an usher or returned to the office. Thank you for your generosity. Mission committee, Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli

**The Presby Readers** will be gathering Sunday, January 25 at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home to discuss *Berry Pickers: A Novel* by Amanda Peters. All are welcome.

## Christmas Services

**Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30am Service of Readings and Carols in the Sanctuary**

**Christmas Eve 5pm – Family Carol Service**  
**9pm – Festive prelude music for strings**  
**9:30pm - Candlelight service**

**Sunday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am The *Gate of the Year* Service in the Chapel**

**Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper in the Chapel**

## 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 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
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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Men’s Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

# 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.

*Doodle away . . .*

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