

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**December 3rd, 2023 at 10:30am
1st Sunday of Advent**

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Gillian Iappelli

Cantor: Nancy Smith

Coffee Hour Host: Mickey Sechrist

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 and Announcements

Liturgist

Lighting the Advent Candles

***Advent Hymn**

Hope is a Candle v.1 (see over)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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| Martin sings: | Kyrie Eleison |
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Hope is a Candle

GALLOWAY TAM

G C D⁷

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,

3 G D G

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

6 C Am⁷ G/B C G/B A⁷ D

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.

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 for ever. AMEN**

Choir Anthem

In Silence We Wait by John Parker and Lloyd Larson

*In silence we wait for the day of God's mercy,
In silence we wait for Emmanuel to come.
In silence we wait for the gift for God's promise.
In silence we wait and pray.*

*Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver your people.
Send us a Savior to show us the way!
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love."
In silence we wait and pray.*

*In darkness we wait for the light of the Christ child.
In darkness we wait for the Day Star to shine.
In darkness we wait for the glory of morning.
In darkness we wait and pray.*

*Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver your people.
Send us a Savior to show us the way!
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love."*

*In silence we wait and pray.
In silence we wait.
In silence we pray.
Lord, send your Christ today.
Amen.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
Your holy cities have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you,
has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins.
After all this, will you restrain yourself, O LORD?
Will you keep silent and punish us so severely?

*Hymn

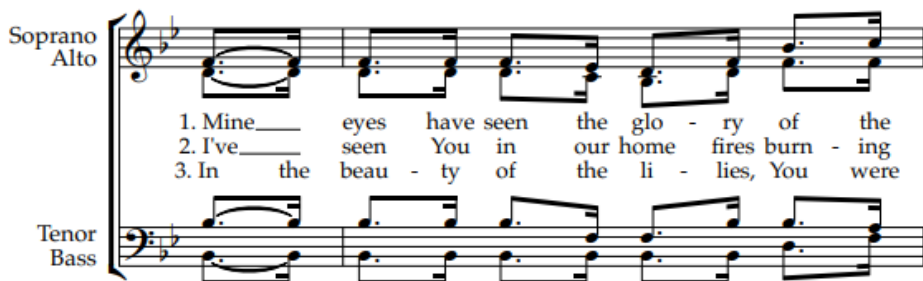
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

Soprano
Alto

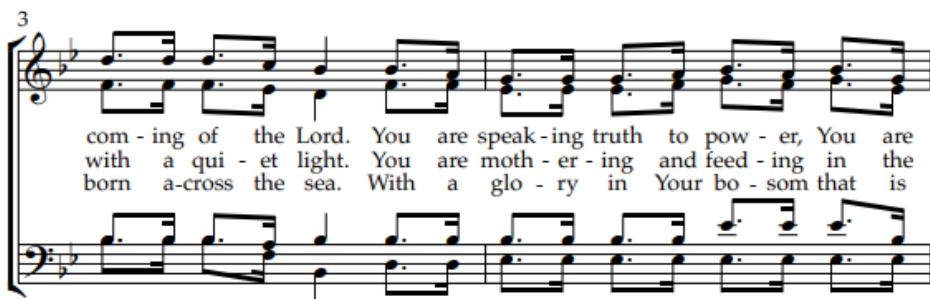
1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
2. I've seen You in our home fires burn - ing
3. In the beau - ty of the li - lies, You were

Tenor
Bass

The musical score for the first two measures of the hymn. It features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The Soprano and Alto parts have a long note in the first measure, while the Tenor and Bass parts have a half note. The lyrics are written below the staves.

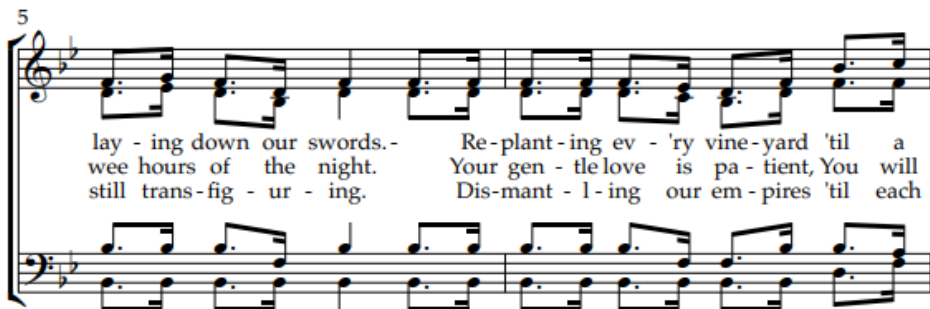
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com - ing of the Lord. You are speak - ing truth to pow - er, You are
with a qui - et light. You are moth - er - ing and feed - ing in the
born a-cross the sea. With a glo - ry in Your bo - som that is

The musical score for measures 3 and 4. The Soprano and Alto parts have a half note in measure 3 and a quarter note in measure 4. The Tenor and Bass parts have a half note in measure 3 and a quarter note in measure 4. The lyrics are written below the staves.

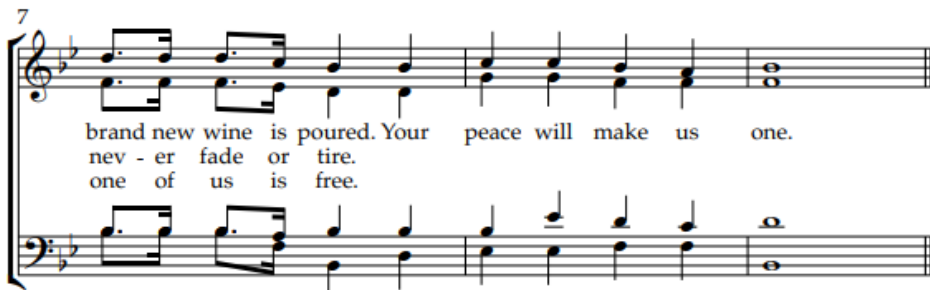
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lay - ing down our swords. - Re-plant - ing ev - 'ry vine-yard 'til a
wee hours of the night. Your gen - tle love is pa - tient, You will
still trans-fig - ur - ing. Dis-mant - l - ing our em - pires 'til each

The musical score for measures 5 and 6. The Soprano and Alto parts have a half note in measure 5 and a quarter note in measure 6. The Tenor and Bass parts have a half note in measure 5 and a quarter note in measure 6. The lyrics are written below the staves.

7

brand new wine is poured. Your peace will make us one.
nev - er fade or tire.
one of us is free.

The musical score for measures 7 and 8. The Soprano and Alto parts have a half note in measure 7 and a quarter note in measure 8. The Tenor and Bass parts have a half note in measure 7 and a quarter note in measure 8. The lyrics are written below the staves.

10 *Refrain*

Glo - ry! Glo-ry! Hal-le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo-ry! Hal-le - lu - jah!

14

Glo - ry! Glo-ry! Hal-le - lu - jah! Your peace will make us one.

Second Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*** Hymn 357**

The Days are Surely Coming

Sermon

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Offering, during which we hear Nancy Smith sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Peace

Invitation to Communion

***Song**

We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.
With the gift of bread, we are coming, Lord.
With the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming Lord.

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.
To receive the bread, we are coming, Lord.
To receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming Lord.
(Remain Standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made
welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his
obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (unison)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of
your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna, in the highest.**

(the congregation sits)

Telling the Story

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.
Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night
of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.
At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them
saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."
We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**(unison) Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your life-giving power,
they may be for us spiritual food and drink,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles,
and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

**(Pastor) Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God
Have mercy on us
Jesus bearer of our sins
Have mercy upon us
Jesus redeemer of the world
Grant us your peace.

Sharing the Bread and Wine, during which we hear organ music for reflection
*(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and
drink all together.)*

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you
met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your
love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's**

body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song** (Psalm 103)

Praise God My Soul! (see over)

Charge, Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

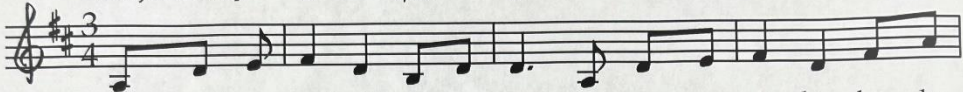
Postlude

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

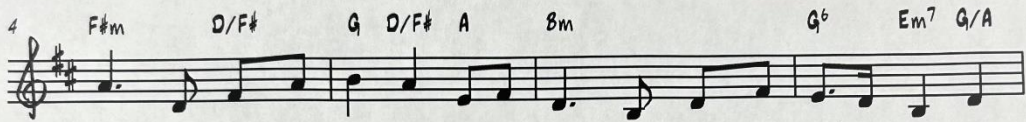
Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

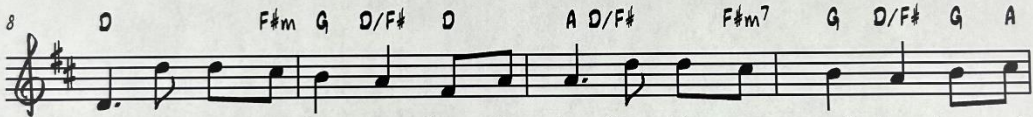
Majestically D G/D D



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



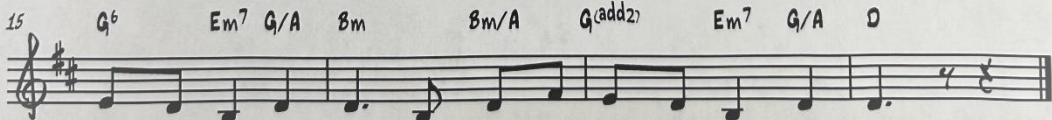
name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -
grace. He will not constant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his
seed, for those who keep his cov en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts



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!

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.

Announcements

Community Choir! Rehearsals resume this afternoon December 3rd and again on the 10th at 2pm in the church house. Everyone age 14 and upwards is welcome to sing – contact Jim Millar if you are interested.

TONIGHT - *Darkness to Light* – a service of beautiful choral music and readings by candlelight to mark Advent Sunday. Led by our choir section leaders and Director of Music. 6:30pm in the chapel. Please come and support them!

Angel Tree Gifts - The holidays are coming quickly, many of you have started shopping or making lists. While you're considering how you will give, please keep in mind the PCAT Angel Tree which continues to support the Center for Hope and Safety. **Please note the tag system is no longer being used.** You can choose any gift you like, for any age and leave it under the Angel Tree in the narthex. The Center for Hope and Safety has requested gifts a week earlier to give them more time to sort, with that in mind please **drop off unwrapped gifts by Wednesday, December 13.**

Adventures in Faith: our next session will be on Wednesday December 6th at 12noon in the Church House when Pastor Martin will lead us in an exploration of the words and music of one of the most iconic pieces of music of all time: Handel's *Messiah*. We will finish our 2023 season on December 13th at 12noon when we will be reflecting on Mary, mother of Jesus. Everyone is welcome, bring your lunch, no preparation needed.

Advent Space is a reflective time in the chapel from **7-8pm on Wednesdays in Advent (6th, 13th, 20th)**. The chapel will be open for you to come and go as suits you. Beautiful reflective music will be played on our wonderful new sound system. Relax in the gorgeous setting of candlelight and let the stresses of life drop away.....

Carol Singing, lighting of the big outdoor Christmas Tree and then a Fish and Chips Dinner. Sunday December 10th at 5.30pm. Don't miss the event of the year! Sign up today for the dinner with members of our outreach team in the Narthex. \$20 for dinner for adults and \$10 for child portion. Carol singing part free of charge and open to all!

Music for Mary is a special concert with our community choir and orchestra players from Tenaflly High School led by our Director of Music, Jim Millar, in our Sanctuary on Sunday December 17th at 6.30pm. Featuring Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and other seasonal music and readings. Admission is free, with retiring offering in support of our Arts Outreach fund. Come and spread the word to get a crowd in to enjoy this fabulous event!

PresbyReaders Our next book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store: A Novel* by James McBride. We will meet Sunday, January 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Mary Jane Eimer's home. Please come with a few questions in mind.

Martha Reid Paradis (Evans) Book Event, January 21st at 4pm in the Sanctuary. We're really happy to be hosting a book discussion with our member and author, Martha Reid Paradis. *Flowers and Locusts* is a memoir of her early years growing up in Ethiopia during the time that her father worked in service of the Ethiopian royal court. Free book copies are available for pick up in the church office.

Regular Groups at PCAT

PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenaflly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous*, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

Adventures in Faith: Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 4pm in the sanctuary. Contact Jim Millar

Choir: Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar

Church School: Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

Childcare: Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

Cro-Knitters: Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist

English as a Second Language (ESL): Tuesdays at 10am in the church house. Contact Jun Motai

Mommy/Daddy and Me group: Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. **In December there will be no meetings on the 16th and the 23rd.** Contact Christina Chan

Women and Men's Groups: meet periodically.

Doodle away . . .

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DARKNESS TO LIGHT

MUSIC AND READINGS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY BY CANDLELIGHT

with choral music from our professional choir section leaders

Sunday, December 3rd

6:30pm

Free Admission
Retiring Offering

**Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly
Old Stone Chapel
55 Magnolia Avenue**



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

**5:30PM CAROLING AND
TREE LIGHTING**

**6PM
FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

We'll have dessert, advent activity
for children and a photo spot
with nativity costumes

\$20

Per Person
for dinner

\$10 Kids meal

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