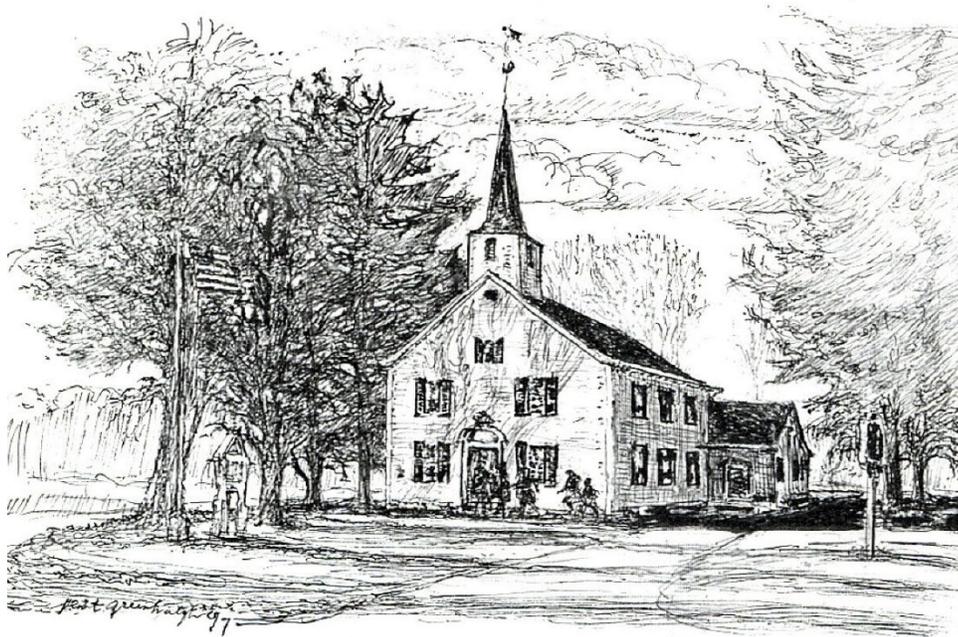


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

“Dawn”

Bela Bartok

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“May We Have the Mind of Christ”

Marty Haugen

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

God our helper, our shade, our protector,

you are able to give life to the dead,

to call into being things that do not exist.

We trust in your power to make all things new;

to keep us in sunlight and moonlight,

along rocky paths and pathways unknown;

until all our going and coming brings us at last

to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“How Lovely, Lord”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lay Leader

We cannot earn God’s grace or favor.

It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.

Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Lay Leader

**Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

*** RESPONSE TO CONFESSION**

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

**Friends, God is for us and not against us!
For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the
world, but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news,
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

**God of signs and wonders,
we come to your word again and again,
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds
so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray.
Amen.**

