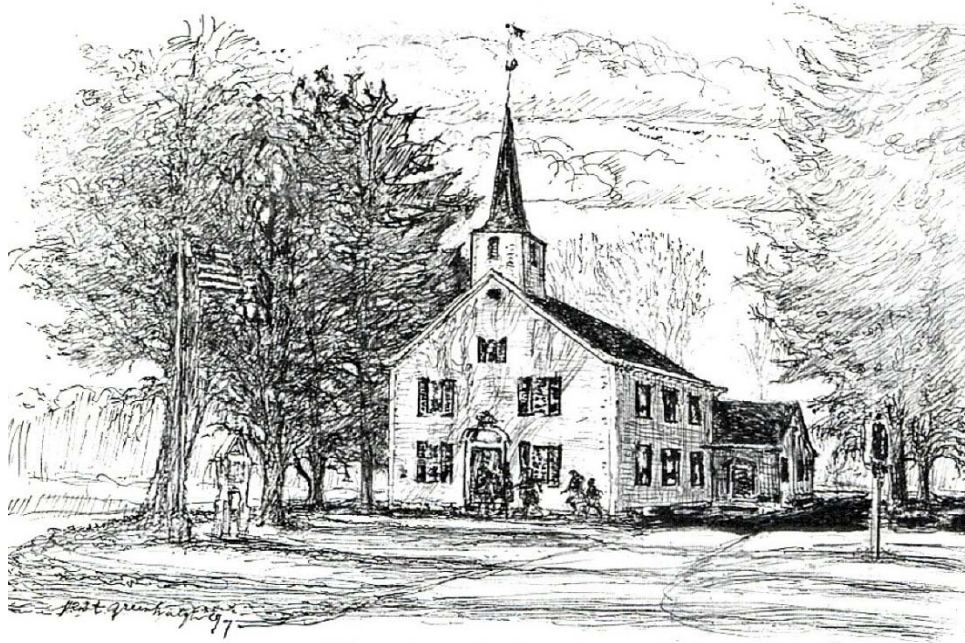


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 31, 2021

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE *“Songs without Words”*

Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING

Worship Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“Joyfully Sing to God Forever”*
NHPC Choir

Franz Joseph Haydn

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

Holy God of limitless surprises,

meet us here in this place

as we touch that which we cannot see

that which we have not dared to hope.

~ written by Katherine Hawker

***OPENING HYMN** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

#276

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Worship Leader

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Holy One, we are a people in exile: separated from friends and family, unable to gather and embrace one another, unable to eat together, to celebrate together, or sing together. We long for freedom, yet know that our sacrifices now mean fewer people will suffer from deadly illness. We ask you to forgive our impatience, and heal our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

The Writer Frederick Buechner says, "A crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace. There's nothing *you* have to do. There's nothing you *have* to do. There's nothing you have to *do*. ...There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it." Receive the grace and forgiveness of God, and be at peace. **Amen.**

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

FIRST READING

Rev. 22:1-5

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Spiritual

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into

heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN** *“How Firm a Foundation”* **#361**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Freely we have received, let us give with the same liberality.

OFFERTORY *“Falling Water”* Sarah Bonsignore

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to submit an offering online, use the QR code found in the announcements.

PRAYER CARDS Please share prayer requests on YT comments using first names only.

***DOXOLOGY** **#592**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Hope of the World”* **#360**

Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and deep despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Morning Song”* Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors. We are glad you were able to be with us today and look forward to seeing you again.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on our mailing or phone list please write your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number on a Welcome Card, located in the pew.

Sunday Bible Study is at 12:30.

Can't make it to church? Join us via Livestream on YouTube! Use the link below or just search for "New Hempstead Presbyterian Church" ***All are advised*** that the front of the church from the lectern to the piano are visible on our livestream. To avoid being seen on the livestream, the pews and the driveway-side aisle are not visible.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1uJu-RJ5343dvTGRE7Nt5A>

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