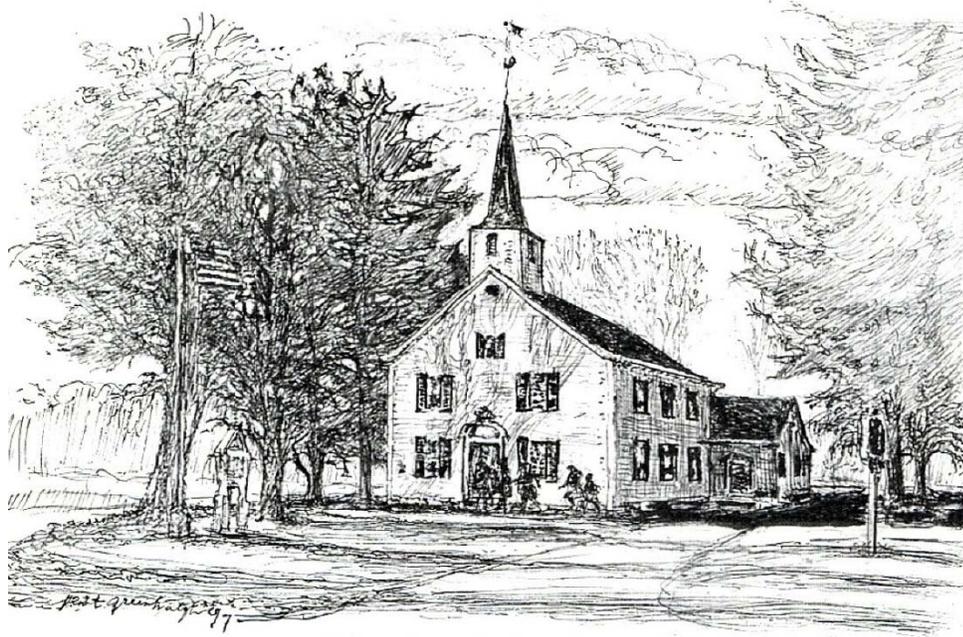


# NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church  
Founded in 1734*

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New City,  
New York



**Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse**  
Pastor

**Lois Anderson**  
Music Director

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

## TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11

AM

PRELUDE

*“Andante”*

W. A. Mozart

Worship Leader

GREETING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*“The Lord is Risen”*

G. F. Handel

NHPC Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk**

**and the dead rise to new life.**

**We give you thanks for the love poured into our world**

**through Christ Jesus,**

**who opened our minds to understand what you have made,**

**whose appearance among his followers brings peace,**

**and who creates faith through touch and taste.**

**Show us Jesus, even now,**

**through the mystery of your threefold presence,**

**one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Hail Thee, Festival Day”*

**#120**

Refrain:

*Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;*

*Day when our Lord was raised, Breaking the kingdom of death.*

*Christ, who was nailed to the cross, Is Lord and the Ruler of nature;*

*All things created on earth, Sing to the glory of God. (Refrain)*

*Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of life and creation.*

*Pour out Your balm on our days; Order our ways in Your peace. (Refrain)*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness.

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

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world.**

**We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.**

**Be our solace in this life and always.**

**We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.**

**Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

**\*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

**In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven.**

**Peace be with you.**

Please be seated

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)**

Worship Leader

**Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 4**

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*"Angels' Voices"*

Johann Burgmuller

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

**SECOND READING**

**I John 3:1-7**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)      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.**



## 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.

The choir will rehearse online Thursday at 8 pm.

With the advent of virtual church services our food bank collection stopped. This is a shame because the need is still there, now stronger than ever during this time when so many people are out of work. Your Mission Committee wants to start this program up again and we're asking for donations of non-perishable food. Right now the need for canned soup is particularly strong. Any donation is gratefully accepted of course, including monetary ones which can be made by check or electronically by QR-code (mission fund). Please be generous in your support.



Please join us on Saturday May 1 as we clean up the neighborhood! We will be working from 9am-12noon, and all necessary supplies will be provided. May 8 is a rain date if we have bad weather on the first. Participation is limited to 50 people, so sign up for the New Hempstead Community Cleanup today at [www.keepprocklandbeautiful.org](http://www.keepprocklandbeautiful.org).

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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