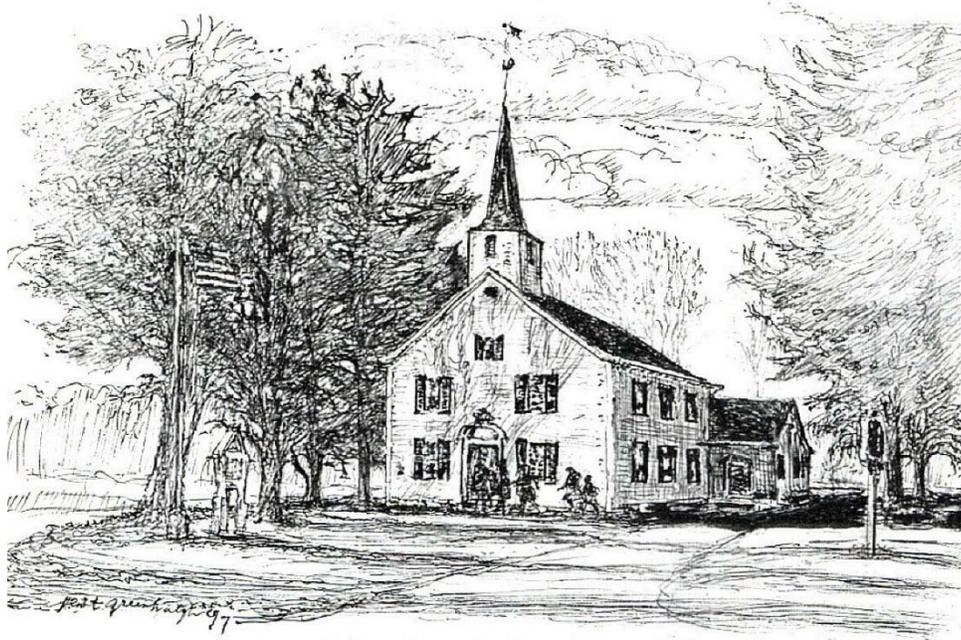


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 16, 2021

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

“Because He Lives”

William Gaither

GREETING

Worship Leader

WELCOME

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***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.

Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend,

and teach us to abide in your love,

that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Blessing and Honor”

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Blessing and honor and glory and power,

Wisdom and riches and strength evermore

Give we to Christ who our battle has won,

Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;

Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment:
that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

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

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Worship Leader

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today.

May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-11

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty

NHPC Choir

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

SECOND READING

John 15:9-17

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.

*So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.*

*** CHARGE**

Live in the joy of Christ's love.

***POSTLUDE**

"Cross Currents"

Lee Evans

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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.

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.

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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