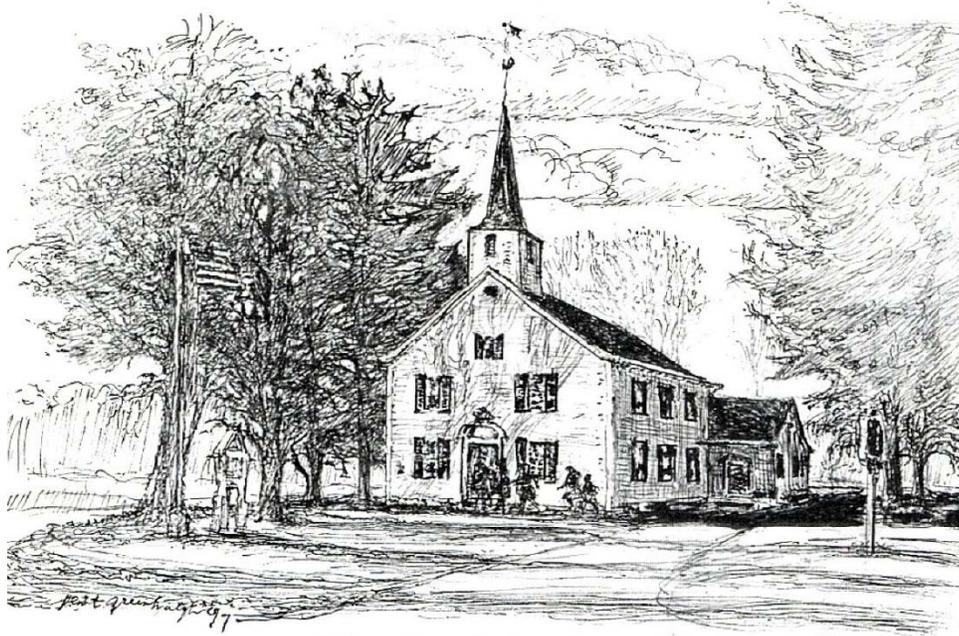


# NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church  
Founded in 1734*

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New City,  
New York



**Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse**  
Pastor

**Lois Anderson**  
Music Director

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 17, 2021**

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

**TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION** **10:55-11 AM**  
**PRELUDE**  
**GREETING** Worship Leader  
**WELCOME**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)** Worship Leader  
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
**Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**  
**God of life,**  
**whose love enfolds us, and spirit fills us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**  
**God of joy,**  
**whose sunrise wakes us, and sunset amazes us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**  
**God of hope,**  
**whose promise sustains us, and power upholds us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**  
**God of love,**  
**whose patience humbles us, and touch can heal us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**  
**God of peace,**  
**who breaks down barriers, and walls that divide us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**  
**God of eternity,**  
**who has always loved us, and by grace has saved us,**  
**we praise your holy name.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* **#138**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*  
*Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;*  
*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons*  
*Blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,*  
*Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,*  
*Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee*  
*Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession. --Beth Merrill Neel

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

**Creator God,  
forgive our moments of ingratitude,  
the spiritual blindness that prevents us  
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,  
the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.  
Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share.  
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread,  
and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you.**

## **\*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Please be seated

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)**

Worship Leader

**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**

**Psalm 131**

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Dr. Knight-Whitehouse**

## **SECOND READING**

**Mark 10: 46-52**

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**



## 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 send your request with your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number to either [office@nhpchurch.org](mailto:office@nhpchurch.org) or [newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) and we will add you to our lists.

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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