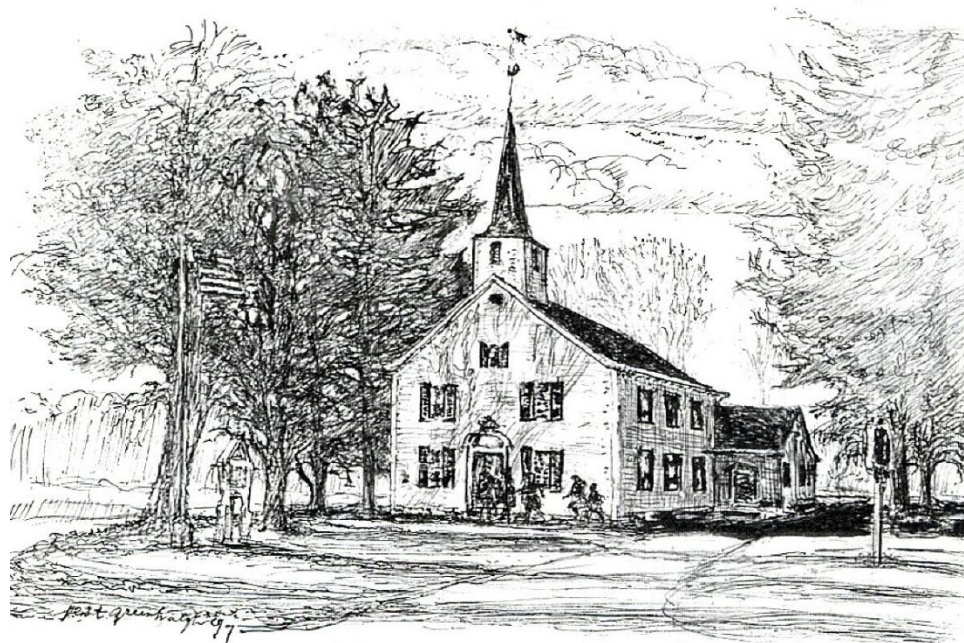


# NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church  
Founded in 1734*

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New City,  
New York



**Rev. Angela Maddalone**  
Pastor

**Lois Anderson**  
Music Director

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 2, 2025**

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

**TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION**

**10:55-11 AM**

**PRELUDE**

*"Folia"*

Scarlatti

**GREETING**

Lay Leader

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*"I Rejoice in God"*

Liz Owen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8) (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

Love is patient.

**Love is kind.**

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**Love does not insist on its own way.**

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**Love rejoices in the truth.**

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

**Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.**

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

**Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#275

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin. Let us pray:

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

**God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and active citizens of your reign. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Beloved, love never ends. We reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God.

**The Holy One knows us well and calls us good. We know ourselves to be forgiven in Christ.**

Receive the grace of God to live a life that ever transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love.

**Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

#582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)**

**Lay Leader**

**God of all days holy, may the Holy Spirit emerge through our hearts to assess these readings. In hearing these words, may we be transformed by your loving presence and reminded that we are your people. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 647)**

**Lay Leader**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*“There Is More Love Somewhere”*

**Spiritual**

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Rev. Angela Maddalone**

**SECOND READING Luke 4:21-30 (pg. 894)**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Driving Jesus Away**

**Rev. Angela Maddalone**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (excerpt from The Second Helvetic Confession, edited for inclusion)**  
**[We believe] faith [is] efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to [God] with confidence and may obtain from [God] what is useful and necessary. The same [faith] keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

**#529**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God’s in whole.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Ave, Verum Corpus”*

**Mozart**

**PRAYER CARDS**

Please fill out and place your Prayer Card in the offering plate

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#606**

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

**Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. May each offering be a seed that will grow, spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You could have spoken any tongue, God of every love, but you silenced the cacophony of chaos with the simple words, 'let there be,' and creation, in all its goodness and beauty sprang forth from the depths of your heart. Mysteriously, you chose to create us in your image, knowing we might reject you, and when we did, empowered with your words, prophets came to remind us of your will for creation. Still unmoved, you gave us the priceless treasure of your heart, your son, Jesus. Filled with your love, he refused to collude with those in power who corrupted your word and world and instead remained faithful to Your vision of love, peace and justice, even to his death. Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir, singing forever to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus showed us love in so many ways. He never cared to empower himself, he never bullied the vulnerable. He embodied mercy and forgiveness and challenged us to let go of every grudge.

He picked up all of our burdens, he trusted everyone the world discounts, he looked beyond all our fears, as well as his own,

in order that everyone might experience your resurrection love.

We may not have prophetic powers, we may not know as much as we think we do, but we can speak of that mystery of faith:

**God's Word came, offering his life in faith on the cross.**

**God's Word comes to offer resurrection hope to all.**

**God's Word will come, bringing love for each one of God's children.**

Eternal God, pour out the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of the Table and those gathered around it. This bread, though broken, will feed us so we might be able to bear the brokenness of those around us. The cup, containing faith, hope, and love, will send us into the world, to serve in the belief that justice has no future; to endure until peace becomes the reality rather than the fantasy of a few. And when we run out of things to say and words drift away, when your fullness comes and all the pieces of life fall into place, your children will see you clearly, God in Community, Holy in One, knowing you as well as you know them, rejoicing that your steadfast love, the grace of Jesus, and the Spirit's hope rest forever in your love even as we all will. **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE COMMUNION**

Members of the congregation are invited to receive and eat the bread individually, then to hold the cup, so that we may all drink together. All are welcome to this table, regardless of church membership or affiliation.

#### **THE BREAD IS SERVED:**

The Bread of Heaven.

#### **THE CUP IS SERVED:**

The Cup of Salvation.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (In Unison)**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"The Bread and Wine Are Here"*

**#512**

#### **CHARGE & BLESSING**

Love God, love yourself, love your neighbor.

**We will not be afraid, for the Lord is with us.**

The love of God, grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with us.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"We Will Walk with God"*

South African melody

#### **POSTLUDE**

*"Ballad"*

Oscar Peterson

## 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.

Lay Leader: Lili Grady

Children's Story Time/Sunday School meets during the Sermon time in the Colonial room. Please feel free to join us!

New Adult Education Opportunity: **Monday Morning at the Manse**

Beginning Monday, February 3 we will meet at the Manse from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM to discuss a variety of topics on ways we can make our faith relevant in today's world.

We will begin with a study of the book:

**The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings** by John Phillip Newell.

I will be on a pilgrimage to the Iona Abbey in Scotland led by the author in April. My hope is to share my experience with the congregation beginning with this study.

I will also be leading an online evening discussion with the day and time to be determined.

All are welcome to join...invite a friend... For more information contact Pastor Angela.

Our Sunday Bible study will resume on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

There is a congregational meeting of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church following worship on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Copies of the report are available in the narthex.

Food Insecurity continues to be an issue in Rockland County Our church is trying to do something about it by collecting contributions to the food pantry. You are encouraged to help by purchasing something extra each week that you go grocery shopping and bring it to church on Sunday. We will make sure that your gifts get to People to People. Recommended food items include breakfast cereal, boxed mac and cheese, boxed pasta, peanut butter, jelly, and juice. Alternatively, monetary contributions marked "Food Drive" can be placed in the collection plate. Any contribution is gratefully accepted.

Can't make it to church? Join us via Livestream on YouTube! Use the link below or just search for "New Hempstead Presbyterian Church".

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