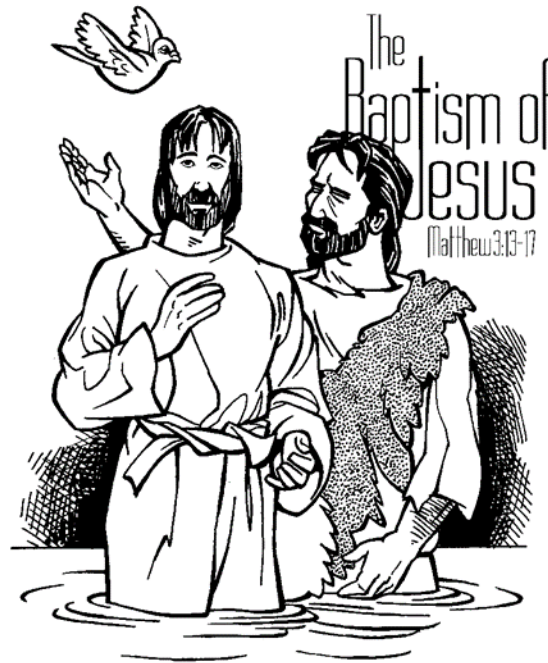


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

January 12, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Sing Out, My Soul”

Jacques Berthier

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 132)(Responsively)** Lay Leader

Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

God in Christ, has named us all “Beloved.”

Yes, here and now, God’s heaven of love is being poured out anew.

May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.

May it brighten the Epiphany light in us and the whole creation.

And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!

Let us worship God together!

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Holy One, awaken us again to Your outpouring Spirit of Love. Through this generous gift, stretch our souls wide and form us into channels of Your healing grace. Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other, all imprinted with Your beloved blessing. Clarify our intentions, purify our actions, fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope. Yes, soak our thinking, our praying, our hoping, our everything in You. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

#10

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer. Let us pray:

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

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Before we thought to turn to God, God already turned toward us in love. The saturating grace of God is trustworthy and true.

Our prayers of transformation have been met with God’s outpouring of forgiving love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***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

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message the Holy Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 623)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Praise His Name”

Ruth Elaine Schram

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 891)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

We Are Loved?

Rev. Angela Maddalone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (From a Brief Statement of Faith)**

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“Take Me to the Water”

#480

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mark Zacheis

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our offerings to further Christ's mission and ministry.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER CARDS

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#606

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

Bless and multiply these gifts, Holy One, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Go to the World"

#295

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

Remember, we are God's beloved,
called and claimed to love as we have been loved.
May God bless you and keep you, this day and in the days to come.
Amen and Amen!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Amen, We Praise Your Name"* South African

POSTLUDE

The worship is over. The service begins . . .

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 or newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com and we will add you to our lists.

Lay Leader: Bob Philhower

We welcome and thank Alison Meyer for leading our worship music today.

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

There is a Bible study with Ed Garcia on Wednesdays at 10am. All are welcome!

Our Sunday Bible study meets after worship. All are welcome!!

There is a congregational meeting of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church following worship to elect elders to the session.

Please plan to stay after the meeting to help take down the Christmas decorations. It should only take about 20 minutes with enough people helping. Thanks in advance for your help!

Please plan to celebrate Angela's Installation with us on January 26 at 4 pm!



Food Insecurity continues to be an issue in Rockland County. We know that significant numbers of people are living below the poverty line in Spring Valley, in other areas near our church, and in the county in general. 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.

If you have someone on the prayer list on the back of the bulletin please let us know if they should remain on the list.

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/@nhpchurch> To give online, click on www.nhpchurch.org

Or scan the QR code:

