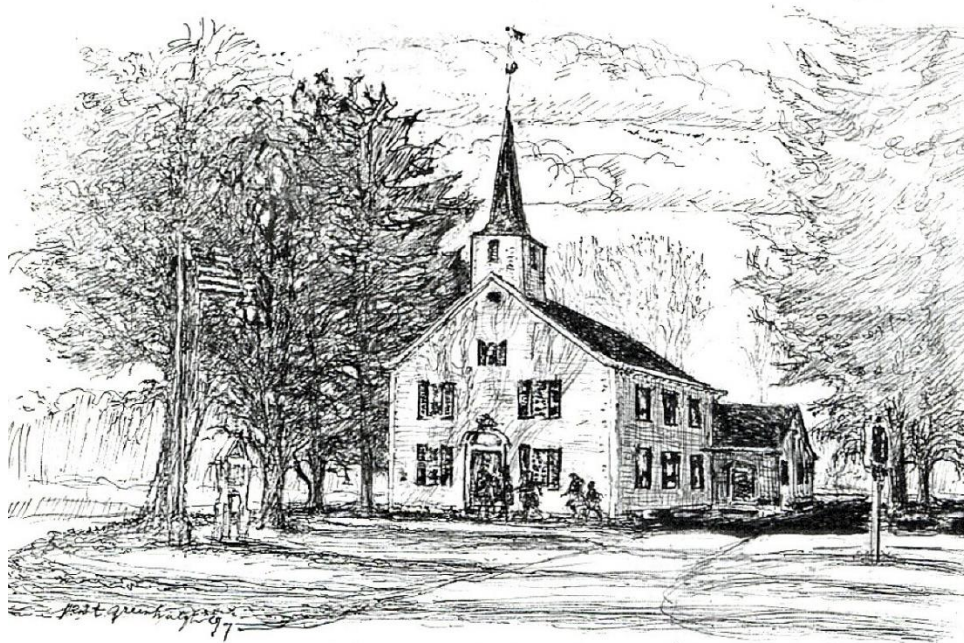


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 9, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

“Song C”

Bruce Hornsby

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“The Glory of the Lord”

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Luke) (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

There is a good word for you if you are weary.

It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.

There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

It is the Word of Hope, “Do not be afraid!”

There is a good word that needs to be heard.

It is the Word of Life that raises up abundant blessings. Let us worship our Loving God.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Loving God, gather us anew into Your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of Your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what You make possible when we risk answering Your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn’t seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

#4

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again. Let us pray:

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

Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to You. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by Your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Friends, hear the words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid!” There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do, beginning now.

We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life.

Not only are we forgiven, but we are also sent to fish for others, whom God also yearns to gather with the net of holy love.

This is the Good News! 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.

Please be seated following the Sung Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

Holy God, as we prepare to read Your living Word, send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts, our ears and our eyes that we may be born anew. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (pg. 591)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Alleluia! Sing Alleluia”

J.S. Bach

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

Luke 5:1-11(pg. 893)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Apostle-ing”

Rev. Angela Maddalone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (The Apostle’s Creed)**

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead;

Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

***HYMN** *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”* **#721**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mark Zacheis

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are called to participate in God’s abundance through the choices we make with our time, our talents, our emotions and our physical resources. Let us honor God with our offering.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Walking With the Master”* Lani Smith

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

***DOXOLOGY** **#606**

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

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”* **#170**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

This week, may we seek God’s lavish glory.

May it change us. May we have the courage to talk about it.

As you leave today, carry this ancient blessing. “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up God’s countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“We Will Walk with God”*
South African melody

POSTLUDE *“Postlude”* Teresa Wilhelmi

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: Janine Kallé

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

February Fellowship event!!! Cupcake decorating and Movie matinee Inside Out 2 on Saturday February 22nd at 2pm! All are welcome, invite family and friends.

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

On Mondays, 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 has resumed at 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The annual meeting of the New Hempstead Presbyterian church is scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2025 immediately following worship. Copies of the annual report can be found in the Colonial Room. There are limited copies, so feel free to take one home but do bring it back on February 16th.



People to People

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".

<https://www.youtube.com/@nhpchurch> To give online, click on www.nhpchurch.org Or scan the QR code:

