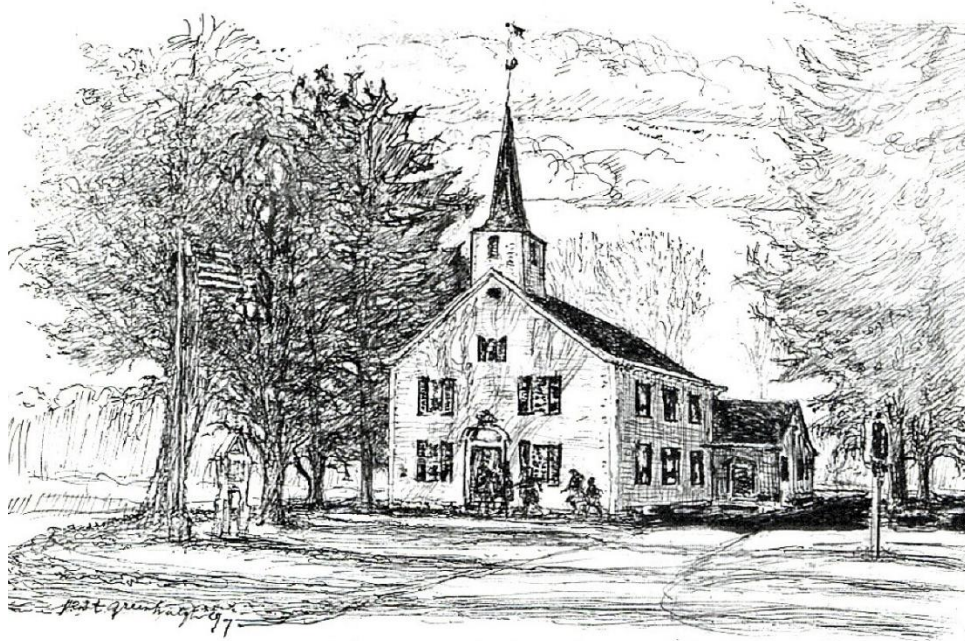


# NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church  
Founded in 1734*

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New City,  
New York



**Rev. Angela Maddalone**  
Pastor

**Lois Anderson**  
Music Director

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 9, 2025**

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

**TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION** **10:55-11 AM**

**PRELUDE** Improvisation on Two Taize Songs:  
*“Nothing can trouble/ We adore you, Jesus Christ”*

**GREETING** Lay Leader

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *“Holy Lamb of God”* Yusuf Khill

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)** Lay Leader

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water’s edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,  
but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

**There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.**

We are in God’s house.

**Let us worship Holy God.** (From a Sanctified Art)

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

**Love, joy and peace is the inheritance you share with us, Holy God,**

**And daily we are grateful for the gift. May we in turn be generous to all we meet,  
making no distinction when it comes to our sisters and brothers. All that we have is an  
inheritance from you, Holy in One, blessings to be shared with all. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** *“We Praise You O God”* **#612**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Scripture says, “No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.” Therefore, we do not approach God with shame but with life-giving expectation grounded in our trust of God. For when we confess with our mouth and trust in our heart, we will find healing for ourselves and for the world. Let us pray:

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

**Hope is the inheritance you gift to us, God our trust, so we might discover that when we are tempted we may call out to you for help; that even when we stumble during our journey, we are carried in your hands. So forgive us when we are tempted to live separated from you and your way of love and help us out of the wilderness into abundant life in your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

**\*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

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

God reaches out to us, eagerly drawing us close, forgiving our sins through God’s unending grace.

**We will live according to the good news: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. 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.***

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)**

Lay Leader

**Author and source of our lives and of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, we know what is written can be used for evil or for good. Open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the words read and proclaimed would go beyond ink and sound. May this Scripture be the spiritual imparting of your deepest desires for the world into our hearts. Amen.**

**FIRST READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (pgs. 516-517)**

Lay Leader

**Leader: This is the word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

***“Just As I Am, Lord”***

Don Besig

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Rev. Angela Maddalone

**SECOND READING Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 892)**

**Leader: This is the word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

***“When Facing Temptation” Rev. Angela Maddalone***

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

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... 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. Glory be to the Creator, and to our Redeemer, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

***“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”***

**#43**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Recognizing that all that we have comes from God, let us offer back to God, not our leftovers, but the first and best of what we have received.**

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*“Cantabile”*

C.P.E. Bach

### PRAYER CARDS

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

#606

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

Dear God, use these gifts, and our lives, to feed and nourish, spreading your love where it is most needed. With deep gratitude for all we have. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

### \*CLOSING HYMN *“May the God of Hope Go With Us” (Repeat) #765*

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

May we center ourselves in God’s ways and God’s identity.

**May we see the faces of all, and our very planet, with the eyes of our Creator.**

May we know our welfare is inextricably entwined with that of our neighbor, the stranger we fear and the enemy we have named in your heart.

**May we be open to the transformation of our hearts into God’s heart. And may we walk humbly from this place to live life fully and generously everywhere we go and in all we do. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“Amen”*

Marty Haugen

### POSTLUDE

*“Nordic Song”*

Schumann

*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](mailto:office@nhpchurch.org) or [newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) and we will add you to our lists.

Lay Leader: Laura Metallo-Bidon

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**Monday Morning at the Manse**

**On Mondays, we 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 have been studying 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 meets at 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

**Join our Bible study on Wednesdays at 10am in the Colonial Room.**



People to People

**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.**

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](http://www.nhpchurch.org)

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