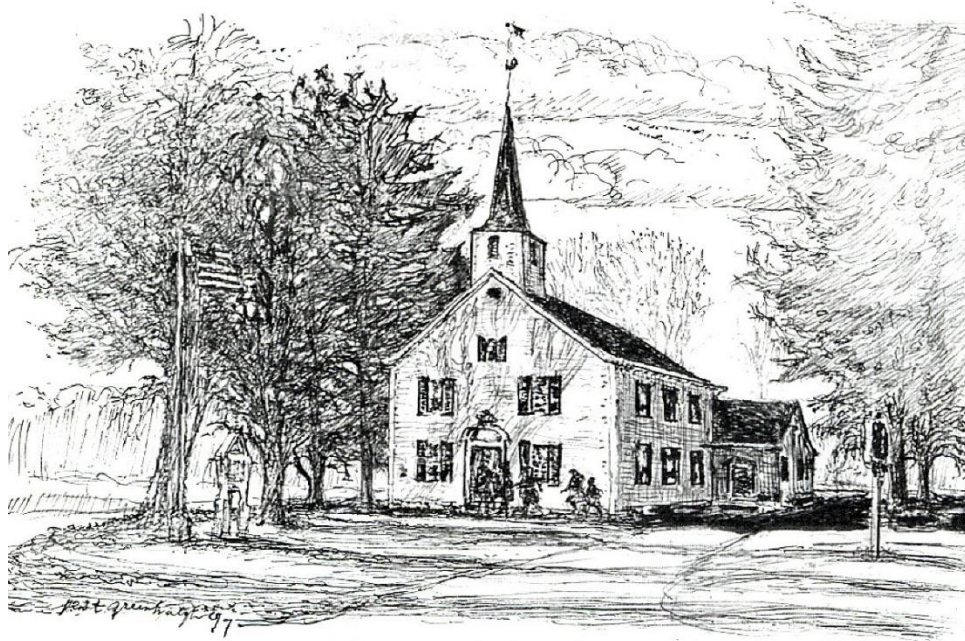


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear...
Jesus came and stood among them.*

PRELUDE

A medley of hymns

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“The Resurrection”

Traditional Irish

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.
It is good to live in community,
To work and talk with each other.
Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
We are glad to be in God’s house,
To listen, to sing, to pray and to worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Loving Creator who brings life out of death, be in this place. Risen Christ, who reminds us of our true humanity, be our constant companion. Holy Spirit, who sustains us through unconditional love, encircle us so that we see resurrection ever about us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our ears can become deaf to the voice of the Shepherd, especially when the wolves around us tell us what we want to hear. So let us confess the times we have closed our ears to the voice of Christ. Let us confess our sins before our loving God. Let us pray:

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

God, you know us. You know that we can be loving and kind; and you know that sometimes we get things wrong. We are sorry for the times we hurt other people, forget to listen for your voice and are too busy to care for your world or each other. Forgive us, and with the help of the Holy Spirit may we grow in love. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Hear the good news, we are an Easter people,
Forgiven and freed, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. Alleluia, 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 our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by the Holy Spirit’s message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 23 (pg. 476)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“On Eagles’s Wings”

Michael Joncas

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

John 10:22-30 (pg. 934)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Voice of the Shepherd”

Rev. Angela Maddalone

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#187

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Christ’s disciples, let us offer ourselves to those in need in the world.

As Christ’s disciples, let us offer our gifts to his ministry.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria”

Burgmuller

PRAYER CARDS Please fill out and place your Prayer Card in the offering plate
***DOXOLOGY** #606

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

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, clothe the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** "We Will Go Out With Joy" #539

CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!

We will honor the God who calls us to new life!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always.

Amen and Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go In Peace" Dale Wood

POSTLUDE "Prayer" Beethoven

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: Pam Fink

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

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.

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

Please contact Pastor Angela if you are interested in an evening Study online and/or at the Manse.

Our Sunday Bible study meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

There is also a 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.

Next Fellowship Event: Tour of Wildflower Island-Fellowship Event

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 12 PM- Meet at NHPC to carpool

Cost (including entrance fee, parking and travel) \$20 per person

The two-acre Wildflower Island, a refuge within the greater Teatown Reservation preserve in Ossining, is home to roughly 280 species of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns, grasses, sedges, and rushes.

May is the blossom time for many of these species, now-rare in Rockland.

In the 1990s, when Rockland's old forests were being cut to build residential neighborhoods for the booming population, Nancy Jacobs transferred now-rare species — like the Pink Lady's Slipper to the island in order to save them from destruction. She enjoys visiting them, and so will you.

There is a limit of 12 people to go on this date. Sign up during coffee hour. Pay in advance. Reservations are needed in order to have the experienced Teatown volunteers provide a tour. We will carpool. Only the threat of lightning storms will cancel the event.

Eat lunch before you meet us in the church parking lot at noon.

There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board just inside the Colonial Room door. Sign up, then contact Nancy Jacobs with questions.

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:

