

NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PENTECOST

Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

PENTECOST

June 8, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

“There is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it, if only we’re brave enough to be it.”

National Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman

PRELUDE “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart/ O Breath of Life*” arr. Cindy Berry

GREETING Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “*Spirit of Truth and Life*” Ricky Manalo

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

We are the body of Christ!

The hand-clapping, toe-tapping, heart-pumping, arms-embracing,

Justice-seeking, hymn-singing, risk-taking body of Christ!

Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ’s beautiful body.

None of us can say to another, “I have no need of you.”

For only together can we find wholeness.

None of us can say to another, “I will not care for you.”

For we are connected and if one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

Let us worship God together!

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Spirit of Unity, you knit us together with all of our connections and distinctions. You make us one and yet unique. We gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to the language of the other, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and to immerse ourselves in compassionate care, to give you glory and to recognize the gift of community. May our hearts be opened and our lips declare your praise. Inhabit our worship with your abiding presence and inflame us with your love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “*On Pentecost They Gathered*” #289

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We come to God as we are: joyful, imperfect, guilty, righteous. But most of all, we come to God as ourselves, human, in need of proclaiming, confessing, forgiving and in need of community. Let us come to God with all we are. Let us pray:

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

Spirit of God, we build walls and barriers. We assume and stereotype. We devalue those unlike ourselves and stick with what is comfortable and familiar. Forgive our lack of courage. Forgive us for the ways we allow our diversity to be a reason for divisiveness and exclusion rather than a celebration of your wondrous work in us. Embolden us to cross borders and boundaries of difference. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that gathers us together and calls us to build beloved community. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Beloved of God, we have not received a spirit of fear, divisiveness, or hate. We have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit— “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Gal. 5:22-23)

The Spirit of God delights in us, and makes us into the body of Christ: new creations, forgiven, freed and loved. Thanks be to God, 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.

Please be seated following the Sung Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

Open our hearts and minds by the power of the Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9 (pg. 8)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“When He Came”

Ruth Elaine Schram

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

Acts 2: 1-21 (pg.948)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Sign of the Rainbow”

Rev. Angela Maddalone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)** (excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

***HYMN**

"As the Wind Song"

#292

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

C. E. Haupt

PRAYER CARDS

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#606

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

Most Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your dream for us and build your beloved community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Gracious Spirit Heed Our Pleading"

#287

CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)

Our Artistic God, who made us in infinite creativity, chose the spectrum of the rainbow to be the sign of God's covenant, and the promise of abundance.

May we be open to the ways God transforms this world through our hands, and may we, empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, always stand in solidarity with the marginalized and dispossessed.

Let us go enlivened by the joy of the Holy Spirit into God's world in peace. Amen. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Dale Wood

POSTLUDE

"Lyric Piece"

Grieg

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: Laura Metallo-Biden

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

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.

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 Tears of Things" by Richard Rohr.

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.

Save the Date: July 19th! Please join with family and friends for an evening of musical entertainment provided by our own talented NHPC musicians and guests. Bring family, bring a friend and bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

When: July 19th 4PM-8PM (set up 3-3:30)

Where: Murchison Hall

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Colonial Room.

The fundraising committee will have the annual Tag Sale on Saturday June 14th. We are asking for good condition items for donations to be brought to the church on June 12th and 13th. We will need many helpers for a successful tag sale. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Colonial Room.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY GAME DAY: Sunday, June 22, 2025 from 3:00PM-5:00PM at New Hempstead Presbyterian Church. The CE Team invites you to join us for a great time playing games (think corn hole, bean bag toss, fishing, relays & more) and enjoying snacks. Bring your kids, friends & neighbors. Family fun for all ages! Children must be accompanied by parents or other adult. RSVP by JUNE 16th by calling the office at 845-354-2372 to ensure we have plenty of snacks! Rain Location is Murchison Hall.

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

Or scan the QR code:

