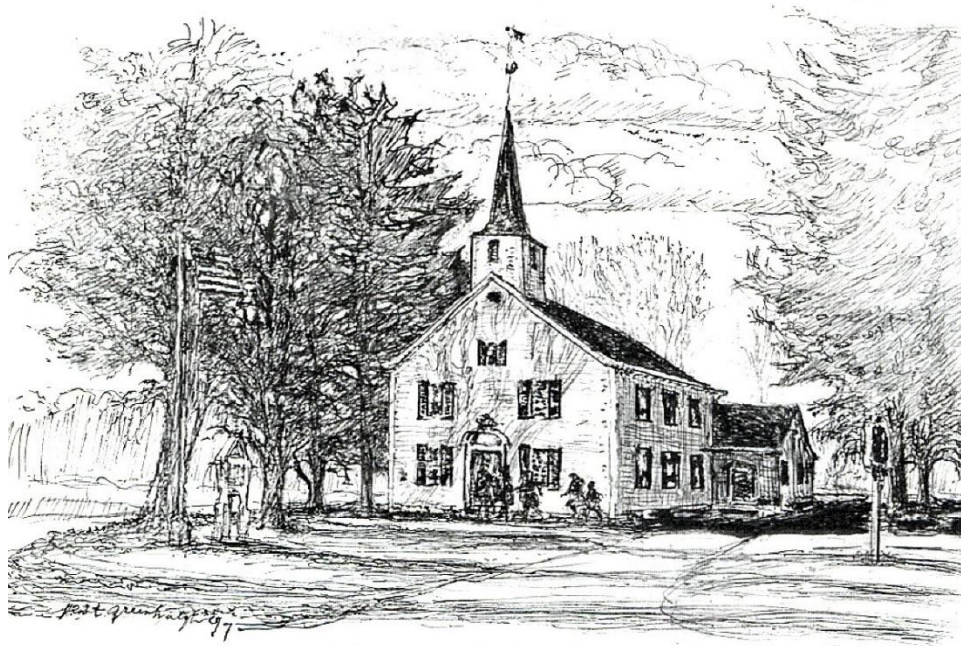


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

9:55-10 AM

“Neighbors bring food with death and flowers with sickness and little things in between. Boo was our neighbor. He gave us two soap dolls, a broken watch and chain, a pair of good-luck pennies, and our lives. But neighbors give in return. We never put back into the tree what we took out of it: we had given him nothing, and it made me sad.”— **Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird**

PRELUDE

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Lay Leader

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

With gratitude and joy:

We will bless and worship our God together!

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Christ, who shows us how to live together, thank you for gathering us into community, onsite and online. We give you thanks for the ways we have been held in love. We are comforted by memories of mercy shown to us in difficult times, both by our friends in this space, and by your gracious presence in our lives. Empower us to be Good Samaritans in our own ways. Embolden us to seek out those who are hopeless and in need. Guided by your example, may we lead with love and compassion. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

#305

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God’s way. Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of Love, we confess that it’s sometimes easier to ignore those in need than it is to help them. We confess that we sometimes ask ourselves, “What will it cost us?” “What will others think?”—rather than remembering your call to care for our neighbors, whether we think they “deserve it” or not. Forgive us. Help us repent and turn us toward empathy and compassion. We pray this in the name of your son, who teaches us how to love all of our neighbors. Amen.

*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Friends, take comfort. We are utterly human—fallible people in need of redirection and second chances. This is the good news: we believe in a God who gives us a chance to start again. We are forgiven.

**We respond to this grace with grateful hearts attuned to the needs of our neighbors.
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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

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

FIRST READING

Psalm 82 (pg. 511)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust”

Bach Chorale

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

Luke 10: 25-37(pgs.902-903)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Bystander Effect”

Rev. Angela Maddalone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (from the Belhar Confession)**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. May it be so, amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

***HYMN**

“What Is the World Like”

#771

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Good Samaritan helped a needy stranger at great cost. This revolutionary act of love was life-saving. May our gifts of time, talent, treasure, or prayer provide hope to this community, and this world. Let us give our offering to God.

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)**

God of love, we give these gifts back to you with humility, remembering times we've needed help in our own lives. Help us use the gifts we give to love others as we have been loved. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"*(Repeat) **#458**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

Christ reminds us that being a neighbor to others calls us to show mercy to those in need.

May we go from this place and do likewise.

Comfort others because you know what it means to cry. Love others because you know what it means to be left behind. Even when it isn't easy.

May we go with courage, knowing that the God who created us, the Christ who guides us, and the Spirit who moves in and through us goes forth with us. Alleluia, Amen.

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: Pam Fink

There is 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.

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:

