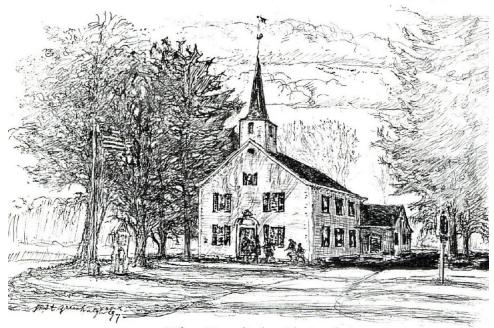
NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The English Church Founded in 1734

> New City, New York



Rev. Angela Maddalone Pastor **Lois Anderson Music Director**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 27, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

9:55-10 AM

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless, until it rests in You." -St. Augustine

PRELUDE

GREETING Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Lay Leader

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

One Who Is Holy, make us like new, show us your way, teach us to pray with our hearts and our hands. Give us the word today that we need to know you. Give us hope today to be a beacon in a world full those who are lost and confused. Give us joy today to make your name known. Give us peace today to respond with courage, fortitude, and conviction. Give us love today to love as you have loved us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "God is Calling through the Whisper" #410

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me" 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

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Loving God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 18: 20-32 (pgs. 13-14) Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lift Thine Eyes" Mendelssohn

Nancy Jacobs, Sue Rentz, and Jane Craig Sebok: singers

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING Luke 11: 1-13 (pg. 903)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Bargaining With God" Rev. Angela Maddalone

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (From the Confession of 1967)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" #175

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mark Zacheis

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Holy One invites us to participate in meeting the needs of the day. Let us give generously to the ministry of this faith community as we share good gifts through acts of compassion and mutual aid.

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)

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us as we leave to practice loving God and others. 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 <u>office@nhpchurch.org</u> or newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com and we will add you to our lists.

The Bible study on Wednesday mornings is taking a break for the rest of the summer.

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.

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 church is collecting school supplies and backpacks during the month of August, for use when school starts this fall. We're looking for donations of backpacks, #2 pencils (pack of 12), colored pencils (pack of 12), pencil sharpener, crayons (box of 24), a pencil eraser, a glue stick, scissors (student

size, blunt tips), washable markers (8-10 pack), composition books, plastic 2 place folders, and a pencil pouch. If you would prefer for us to do your shopping for you, we recommend a donation of \$40 per backpack and supplies. The deadline is August 24; feel free to bring them in earlier and place them in the bin in the entry.

Fellowship Tour of Union Church We are having a Fellowship Adventure to view the stained-glass windows of Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse on Saturday, August 2 at the Union Church of Pocantico Hills Join us as we tour the beautiful windows at Union Church of Pocantico Hills given by the Historic Hudson Valley Society. We will meet at the church at 11:15 and carpool to the church. The cost is \$10. Please sign up and give payment to Nancy Jacobs by July 20. There is ample parking and it is handicap accessible. The tour is approximately 30 minutes. We plan to have lunch in Tarrytown following the tour. For more information see the link below or contact pastor Angela or Nancy Jacobs.



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"

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Or scan the QR code:

