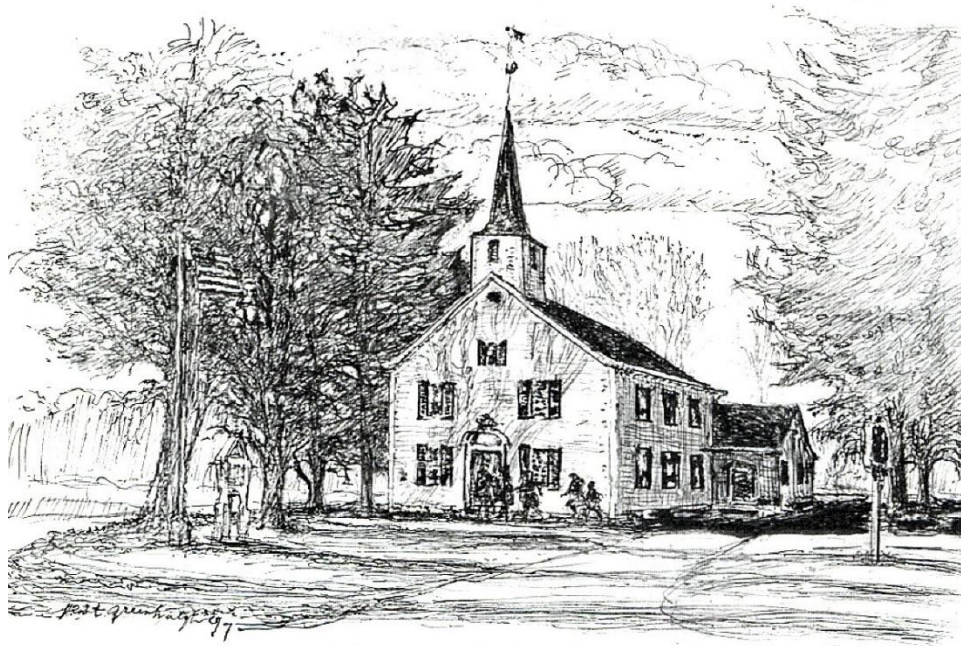


# NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church  
Founded in 1734*

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New City,  
New York



**Rev. Angela Maddalone**  
**Pastor**

**Lois Anderson**  
**Music Director**

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

### TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

9:55-10 AM

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking more of others. Humble people are so focused on serving others, they don't think of themselves. -Rick Warren, A Purpose Driven Life

### PRELUDE

*"Enchanted Ocean, Rhythms of the Sea"*

Lee Evans

### GREETING

Lay Leader

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Lay Leader

Gathered to worship God,

**we are all right where we belong.**

Called to this celebration of worship by the Holy Spirit,

**we approach God with joy in our hearts.**

Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

**we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of Glory, we acknowledge your presence among us as we gather. You have knit us together as a community. In your kingdom, the first will be last and the last will be first. Dwell in the praises we voice, in the hope to which we cling, and the love that persists. Reveal yourself to us, Great One, and we will declare and spread your goodness in the land of the living. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Praise God for this Holy Ground"*

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### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a generous God, bestowing grace immeasurably, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. To this God of generosity, love and forgiveness, we now turn as we confess our sins. Let us pray:

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

**Righteous God, forgive us for the positioning we do. We often seek elevated places and fail to notice the absences at your table. At times we live in complacency while the world around us weeps in pain, suffering, and despair. As in the days of Jeremiah, we "have changed [our] glory for something that does not profit" and are appalled. Propel us to reshape the world into your vision of beloved community—repaired, restored, and reconciled. Amen.**

### \*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Beloved, the Holy One is righteous and just, as well as compassionate.

**Our God is faithful to forgive the contrite heart.**

God will give us strength and courage to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.

**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, O God, by the Holy Spirit’s power, that as scripture is read and the Gospel announced, we might receive with open hearts whatever you speak to us this day. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13 (pgs. 647-648)**

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***“One Voice”***

Ruth Moody

Sue Rentz, Angela Maddalone and Nancy Jacobs: singers

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Rev. Angela Maddalone**

**SECOND READING**

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (pgs. 907-908)**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

***“Know Thyself”***

**Rev. Angela Maddalone**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)**

(From the Book of Common Worship Philippians 2:5-11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human  
form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a  
cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every  
name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is  
Lord! Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

***“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”***

**# 174**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

As a response to God's Word, which we have heard, read and proclaimed, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*"Lyric Piece"*

Grieg

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

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**#606**

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

Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace, transformation and hope might flourish in this place. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

**# 765**

**(Repeat twice)**

### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

As we go, let us take the lower place

**exalting the Holy One and comforting those in need.**

May we break bread with the oppressed.

**Be ambassadors for God's dream for our world.**

May we give glory and honor to God

**and be the good news in the world.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Sonata"*

Scarlatti

*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:** Syenni Lucas

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.**



Thank you to those who provided special music this summer. Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 4 at 8 pm.



On September 7, we will return to standard 11 am service time. Immediately after worship, we will have our traditional Welcome Back Potluck Luncheon. Please sign up in the Colonial Room for a dish to share and whether you can help with set up/clean up.



Fall Schedule begins

Next Sunday Worship time returns to 11am! If you do show up to church at 10 am you get to enjoy the beautiful church grounds with everyone else who forgets this announcement.



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)

Or scan the QR code:

