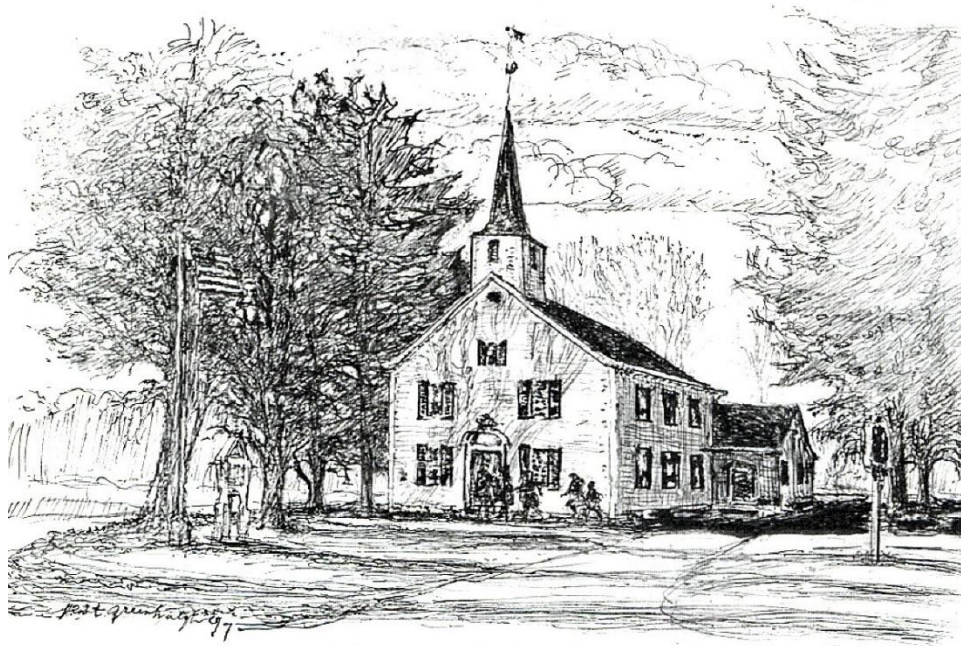


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The English Church
Founded in 1734

New City,
New York



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

"God provides minimum protection, maximum support--support to help us grow up, to stretch our minds and hearts until they are as wide as God's universe."

— William Sloane Coffin

PRELUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

William Runyan

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Sanctus"

Clemens non Papa

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Inspired Psalm 113) Lay Leader

Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting,
the name of God deserves our praise!

Who is like our God...seated on high?

Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise and worship the Holy One!

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Maker of Heaven and Earth, we rejoice in your presence. In you we find joy and strength, comfort and courage, truth and insight. Speak to us again. Reveal your power in and through us. Show us your glory and be glorified in our worship. May your glorious light shine through hidden spaces. May your blessed darkness make space for rest. Fortify us for this journey and make us instruments of your kingdom. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

#459

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us.

For the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us.

For all the times we have acted without love, forgive us.

For all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us.

For all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us.

For all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

*MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

Please be seated following the Sung Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (pg. 657)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Praise His Name”

Ruth Elaine Schram

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Angela Maddalone

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 1034)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Pray Always”

Rev. Angela Maddalone

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

***HYMN**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

#792

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Choral"

Bela Bartok

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#606

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

Generous God, what we place before you is but a fraction of all you have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts, we ask, and multiply them for your purpose. Let our offerings become a source of blessing for the most vulnerable, for those in greatest need. May the act of giving, rooted in generosity, loosen our grip on what we possess, and kindle in us a deeper desire to share. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"

#322

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

We are the Body of Christ: hands, feet, heart, lungs.

We breathe, we move, we act. In this world, we bear witness—to mercy, to love, to the persistent hope of God.

May the nourishment of God's Word, the accountability of Christian community, and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us, day by day, for faithfulness.

Amen and Amen!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Amen"

Franz Liszt

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: Terry Lucas

The Bible study on Wednesday mornings meets at 10am in the Colonial Room. All are welcome!

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.

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.



Choir rehearsal is on Thursday at 8 pm in the Colonial Room.

Pastoral Care Workshop: October 2, 2025, 11:00am-12:15pm

Pastoral Care Workshop: *What Not to Say when Visiting Someone* led by Pastor Angela in the Colonial Room on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 11:00am -12:15pm. Pastor Angela will lead this training for all those who wish to be more assured in visiting friends/neighbors in the hospital or elsewhere. Come enjoy this time together and be encouraged in the building up of our faith community!

We are always happy to have the front of the church decorated with flowers. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone special or a special occasion, please mark the calendar in the Colonial Room on the Sunday you would like to sponsor. Take them with you after the service! Please see Kristen Rabeler with any questions about donating money to sponsor flowers if you are unable to purchase or provide them yourself.



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

Or scan the QR code:

