

METROPOLITAN
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NEW HOPE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Ordination
and
Installation
Service
of

MR. PHILLIP W. DENNIS II

Saturday
June 2, 2012

Musical prelude

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

Call to worship and greeting

The Rev. Scott Strickman, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, New York, NY

∞ Psalm 146:1-4

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

∞ Hymn of faith: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Minister Mark Hahn, Montgomery Evangelical Free Church,

Belle Mead, NJ, piano

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Confession of sin and assurance of pardon

The Rev. David Anderson, Grace Redeemer Church, Teaneck, NJ

∞ Psalm 91:1-4

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

Who with God Most High finds shelter in th'Almighty's shadow hides.
To the LORD I'll say, "My refuge!" In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you, from the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions, make his wings your confidence.

Scripture reading

The Rev. John Yenchko, North Shore Community Church, Oyster Bay, NY

∞ Psalm 78:1-3

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

O ye my people, to my law attentively give ear;
the words that from my mouth proceed incline yourselves to hear.
My mouth shall speak a parable, the sayings dark of old,
which we have listened to and known as by our fathers told.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew Graham, Knowlton Presbyterian Church, Columbia, NJ

Sermon: "The Loving Kindness of God" (Titus 3:3-8)

∞ Hymn of response: *Be Thou My Vision*

Mark Hahn, piano

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

The ordination

Questions to the ordinand and congregation

The Rev. Scott Strickman

Laying on of hands

All ministers and elders present

Charge to the ordinand and congregation

The Rev. Mark Wellman, Hope Presbyterian Church, Randolph, NJ

Prayer of thanksgiving

*The Rev. Gordon Woolard, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
Hollywood, FL*

∞ **Hymn of consecration: *All for Jesus***

Mark Hahn, piano

All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed powers:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! how amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.

∞ **Benediction**

The Rev. Phillip Dennis

∞ **Doxology**

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

Musical postlude

Leanne Kleinmanns, organ

Join us downstairs for a buffet reception.

Introducing

The Rev. Phillip W. Dennis II

- 1973 Born at Columbia, Missouri, son of Phillip W. and Cynthia L. Dennis
- 1980 Family moved to southern California, where Phillip grew up in the city of Thousand Oaks
- 1998 Baptized at Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel, Encino, California
- 1999 Graduated from California State University, Northridge with B.A. in economics
- 2002 Married to Allison Blake Woolard
- 2006 Graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary with M.A. in exegetical theology
- 2008 Graduated from Fordham University with M.Phil. in biblical theology

The Rev. Dennis previously worked as a bookkeeper and financial analyst and has served in the U.S. Army Reserve and as a Seabee in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is a member of the Stony Point Battle chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Dennis is the daughter of the Rev. Gordon and Marilyn Woolard. Born in Santa Cruz, California, most of her childhood was spent in Brussels, Belgium and Blacksburg, Virginia. She graduated in 1999 from Virginia Tech with a B.A. in English and currently works in Manhattan as an Art Director for a publishing company.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dennis have an 18-month-old daughter, Philippa Elise, nicknamed Pippa.

A Brief History of New Hope Christian Church

The story of our church in Monsey goes back to the early 1800s when a fierce controversy over the five points of Calvinism and church governance arose in the Dutch Reformed Church in America. As a result, in 1822 a group of people seceded from that denomination and established a new one called the True Reformed Dutch Church. The Monsey Church would soon be born out of that movement of secession.

On June 11, 1824, the Monsey Church was established when 68 people seceded from the Dutch Reformed Church of West New Hempstead, which most people today know as the Brick Church. The seceders were led by the Rev. James D. Demarest, who had been the pastor of the Brick Church, and they established themselves in Monsey as a new congregation called the True Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead. Our first building was adjacent to our cemetery on Maple Avenue and Saddle River Road. Our second and current building on Main Street in Monsey was dedicated on August 19, 1869.

By the late 1940s, the congregation had diminished to a very small number. But thanks to the work of the Rev. Dick L. Van Halsema beginning in 1949, it once again became vital, especially with the opening of the Tappan Zee Bridge and the building of the New York State Thruway in Rockland County. Monsey Christian Reformed Church was formally organized in 1952.

The name New Hope Christian Church was adopted in 2000. In 2007 the church was received as a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Today, the Rev. Dennis becomes the 18th pastor in the church's nearly 200-year history.



