

First Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Be reverent. This is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

"I will strive to enter that intimate space of Christ's radical love with you."

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Prayer for Peace" Colin Curtis

Welcome and Church Life Notes

***Passing of the Peace** – please share the peace & love of Christ with your neighbor

Introit

***Call to Worship** (read responsively)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you."

People: "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

***Hymn** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

Leader: Seeking the wisdom of the Lord, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy of God.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (read responsively)

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ offers himself as bread of life to all who would receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Choral Response** "The Gloria"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be!

World without end! Amen! Amen!

Special Music "He Hideth My Soul" William J. Kirkpatrick

Andy Baldauf, Ed Goff

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with Children Rev. Sarah Hooker

(Children may leave for the Child Care Room following Children's Time.)

Prayer for Illumination (read in unison)

Almighty God, through the reading of Holy Scripture, feed us with your living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.

First Reading (page 864 OT in the pew Bible) Micah 4:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" #378

Second Reading (pages 30-31 NT in the pew Bible) Matthew 26:48-54

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Genius of Jesus: Promoting Peace" Rev. Sarah Hooker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** – From the Confession of 1967 (II.A.1) (read in unison)

(Ushers gather in the narthex at this time.)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's

message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate humankind from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity to others and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Presentation of Gifts, Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offertory *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* arr. Carol Tornquist

***Choral Response** *"The Doxology"* # 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

***Parting Hymn** *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"* #765
(sing twice through)

*Benediction

Postlude *"Name of Jesus Medley"* arr. Roger House

** You are invited to stand.*

Congregational Meeting

All are invited to stay for the Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.

Thought for today:

*"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody."
—Lily Tomlin*

The First Presbyterian Church *Delhi, New York*



*"... they shall beat
their swords into
plowshares, and
their spears into
pruning hooks;
nation shall not
lift up sword
against nation,
neither shall they
learn war any
more;"*

Micah 4:3b

*First Presbyterian Church actively exists as the living body of Christ,
committed to growing in faithfulness to God, serving the whole human
family and welcoming all people into God's love.
(Our Mission Statement)*

First Presbyterian Church

Delhi, New York

Church Life: Week of August 16, 2015

“I will strive to enter that intimate space of Christ’s radical love with you.”

We warmly greet each of you in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Welcome to all!
Lord, enable us this day to desire but one thing: to do your will as best we can.

We invite everyone to take a moment during the offertory to sign the **Church Attendance Register** found in each pew. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us this morning. We hope that your worship experience will be meaningful and enjoyable. If you are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or becoming a member of this congregation, please speak with Pastor Sarah, the Church Office or any Elder.

COFFEE HOUR will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. EVERYONE is invited to this time of fellowship. Please join us this morning!

The **FLOWERS** this morning are given by Harry and Betty Bell in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary (on August 17).

We will have **Coffee Hour** during the summer whenever anyone signs up. There is nobody assigned to make coffee during July and August so please find someone to make coffee if you sign up. Regular Coffee Hour will resume on September 20. Thanks to all who make this time of Fellowship possible and for signing up so it can continue!

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Erica Cantwell and Art Maxwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 23 are Pat Sullivan and Vicki Noble.

The **CHILD CARE ROOM** will be available to parents during the summer worship services. Regular nursery coverage will begin again in the fall (September 13). If you need help getting to the nursery, please contact an usher.

The late August – mid-September newsletter is available for pick up at the church.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2015 has been set at **\$31.81 per member**.

SUNDAY August 16	9:30 am Worship (Chapel) 10:30 am Congregational Meeting (Chapel) 10:40 am Coffee Hour (FH)
MONDAY August 17	9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 5:00 pm Bazaar Planning Meeting (Library) 6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
TUESDAY August 18	11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 5:00 pm Weight Watchers (FH)
WEDNESDAY August 19	7:30 am SPARKS at Crossroads Café 9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 5:30 pm A Pealing Sound Bell Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (CR)
THURSDAY August 20	4:30 pm Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 6:00 pm Sewing Fellowship (RR)
FRIDAY August 21	10:00 am “Gentle” Yoga (Chapel) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
SATURDAY August 22	
SUNDAY August 23	9:30 am Worship (FPC Sanctuary) 10:30 am Coffee Hour (FH) 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (CR)

RR – Red Room; CR – Conference Room; FH – Fellowship Hall; BR – Blue Room

Children’s worship bags now available. Puzzles, small toys, coloring and drawing materials are located in the hospitality room on the shelves. Children are welcome to select a bag with items of their choosing to use during worship. Children’s Bulletins are also available. You may return the materials to the shelves at the conclusion of the service or simply leave the bag in the pew.

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Attendance week of 8-9-15	40
The amount needed each week	\$2,983.00
The amount given week of 8-9-15	\$2,004.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$95,456.00
The amount given YTD as of 8-9-15	\$61,341.63
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-9-15	\$1,083.00
Mission giving week of 8-9-15	\$115.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-9-15	\$3,866.40
Apportionment Needed 2015	\$6,775.53
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-9-15	\$2,093.62

Thoughts on Giving: *“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” (Ephesians 5:15)*

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all God’s many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and God wants us to be partners in God’s work here on earth.

Stewardship Prayer: That we make wise choices in how we live as God’s stewards and have the courage to turn away from foolish wants.

Starting September 13, 2015, children's **Sunday School at First Presbyterian** will be an all ages class where students will use their imagination through LEGO© creations to experience their faith and the biblical story. Join us and see God at work, brick by brick. Sunday School starts at 9:30 am each Sunday during the school year.

The Christian Education committee is looking for **donations of LEGO© and DUPLO© blocks & figures**. Children will use LEGO© and DUPLO© creations to reenact biblical stories and experience their faith. So be on the lookout for LEGO© and DUPLO© blocks at garage sales or while cleaning out your closet. Your donations will be very much appreciated! Please drop off clean blocks at the church office at any time. The Sunday School program is scheduled to start September 13th.

Want to change the world? Be a part of helping our children to learn about God and helping them to develop a relationship with Jesus that will help them throughout their lives. For a small commitment of time (2 weeks) you can be a part of changing their lives forever. Contact: the Christian Ed Committee for more information.

A CALL has been issued by the Session for a Congregational meeting, according to the terms of the church By-Laws, to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, August 16, 2015. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Elders for the Class of 2017. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.

SAVE THE DATE! for a Fellowship event **Sunday, September 13th after 10:30 AM Worship Service. Please watch the Church Life & Facebook for more details!** This will be a great time of fellowship for all ages. **Hope to see you there!**

Ruling Elder Training – Wednesday August 26, 2015 from 6:00-9:30 pm. Training for current and new Ruling Elders and also those interested in discerning this call. Dinner will be provided, \$5 donation requested. Training open to other PCUSA churches in the area. Please RSVP to Pastor Sarah (pastor@fpcdelhi.org, 607-746-2155) by Monday August 24.

The **Upper Room Devotionals** for September and October are now available on the information racks in the Memorial Hospitality Room, on the table in the narthex and outside the church office. If you wish to contribute to defray the cost, there is a wooden box in the narthex.

FOOD BANK MISSION REMINDER! Help us fill the food box each week and help our friends and neighbors in need. Cash donations may be placed in the offering plate (clearly marked) or left in the church office. Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.



ANNUAL BACKPACK PROJECT

The Delhi Clergy Association is again sponsoring the backpack project helping to provide backpacks to Delaware Academy students in need. First Presbyterian Church will be sorting and delivering all the donations this year. Cash contributions are also greatly appreciated and are often used to purchase backpacks. Checks should be made payable to 'Delhi Clergy Association' with 'school supplies' on the memo line and may be dropped off in the church office or mailed to First Presbyterian Church, 4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

Please submit all donations by Sunday, August 30th so they can be sorted and delivered to the school. There is a basket outside the First Presbyterian Church Office for school supply donations. The school does very much appreciate this ministry. What has been donated in the past has been used. Thank you for your help with this important local mission! If you have any questions, please call the First Presbyterian church office at 607-746-2155.

Items needed for the backpacks include:

- ② Pencils
- ② colored pencils
- ② crayons
- ② markers
- ② pens
- ② folders
- ② erasers
- ② Full-size backpacks
("generic" are best - no cartoon characters, etc.)
- ② plastic crayon/pencil boxes
- ② college-ruled loose-leaf paper
- ② spiral notebooks
- ② scissors
- ② glue sticks
- ② anything else thought to be useful for school!