



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

August 7, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Unison Psalm Reading** (*Psalm 33:1-9, 20-22*)

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

***Hymn**

"How Firm a Foundation"

#463

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

By faith you called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we commit ourselves to your call. Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust you completely. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Remember that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." We can therefore look "forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." For by the faith of Jesus, the Cornerstone, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

#581

*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.*

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Curt Sather

Prayer for Illumination

God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your Word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 12:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Hall of Fame”

Lay Preacher Marsha Muller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Righteous God, you cast out fear and open the doors to your dominion. We come bearing alms, as Christ would have us do. All that we own you have given us. We set it apart to your glory and honor. Who we are is due to your graciousness; we commit our efforts to your service. Possess us and guide us through your Holy Spirit and we shall live out our days praising your name. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#525

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Through intinction, or using elements which you have prepared prior to the service; please follow as we are led in Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#462

***Benediction**

***The Sending**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

#541

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "To say it was a beautiful day would not begin to explain it. It was that day when the end of summer intersects perfectly with the start of fall." —Ann Patchett

Leading us in worship this morning:

Lay Preacher Marsha Muller, Worship Leader

Curt Sather, Guest Musician

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Joe Weaver, Liturgist



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In the name of Jesus — teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior — I welcome you to worship.

(Prayer) On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

For the time that we are without a full-time pastor, members of Session will be taking turns in serving as a go-to person if a pastoral need arises. For the month of August our contact person will be Renee Maxwell. She can be reached at (607)-746-6128 or oma8243@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to another **dish-to-pass brunch** on August 14th immediately following the church service. We hope you can come enjoy some time with your church family!

The Jul-Aug Courier and **Devotional booklets** (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

The last Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry is accepting **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. Checks may also be mailed via regular mail to the church at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi NY 13753.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Luke 12:34* Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may invest more of our time and our talent in building up our treasure in heaven.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 7-31-2022</i>	33 - 25 in sanctuary + Approx. 8 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 7-31-2022	\$1,720.38
The amount needed year-to-date	\$66,567.85
The amount given YTD as of 7-31-2022	\$54,134.03
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-31-2022	\$3,617.40
Kirk Receipts 7-24-22 to 7-30-22	\$1,201.08
Mission giving week of 7-31-2022	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 7-31-2022	\$1,148.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 7-31-2022	\$2,005.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

SUNDAY August 7	<i>Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship with Communion 12:00 pm Amelia Gibson’s Birthday Party
MONDAY August 8	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 9	
WEDNESDAY August 10	10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)
THURSDAY August 11	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY August 12	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY August 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY August 14	<i>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Dish-to-Pass Brunch