First Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2015

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” arr. Shayla L. Blake
(with Minuet and Trio, K.1 by W.A. Mozart)

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 will bless the Lord at all times;
People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,
People: and let us exalt God’s name together.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.
People: Halleluia! Amen!

*Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #65

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

Leader: Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.

Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (read responsively)

Leader: Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God has forgiven us.

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 “Reach Out, Take the Hand of Jesus” Dan Dirksen, Jr.
Bea Mooney, soloist

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)

God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ. Amen.

First Reading (pages 572-573 OT in the pew Bible)
Psalm 126

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn “Give Thanks” #647

Second Reading (pages 79-80 NT in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*I Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed – (Traditional version) (read in unison)*

(Ushers gather in the narthex at this time.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts, Offerings
Call to the Offering
Offertory “An Offering” Jason W. Krug
*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 “In Christ There Is No East or West” #317
*Benediction
*Postlude “Walk Worthy of the Lord” Lani Smith

* You are invited to stand.

Thought for today:
*It is better to die for an idea that will live, than to live for an idea that will die.*  
-Steve Biko
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RR – Red Room; CR – Conference Room; FH – Fellowship Hall; BR – Blue Room

First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

Church Life: Week of August 9, 2015

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

"Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord" (Psalm 134:1, NRSV). Please feel welcomed and wanted as we lift up our hearts to the Creator of us all.

Lord, make us mindful of the joy your grace can be to us. Grant us the gift of your presence, we pray.

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.

The FLOWERS this morning are given by Don and Bonnie Fleming in memory of their grandparents.

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 Ed Goff and Linda Burr. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 16 are Erica Cantwell and Art Maxwell.

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.

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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Music Director: Gayle Olsen
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The Per Capita amount for 2015 has been set at $31.81 per member.

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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 time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

Stewardship Prayer: That we may invest more time and talent in building up a treasure in heaven.

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!

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:

- Pencils
- colored pencils
- crayons
- markers
- pens
- folders
- erasers
- Full-size backpacks
- plastic crayon/pencil boxes
- college crayon/pencil boxes
- spiral ruled loose-leaf paper
- scissors
- glue sticks
- anything else thought to be useful for school!