First Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2015   10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth 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  “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Patricia Lou Harris

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

Introit

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Leader: Here we are:

**People:** Creator and created, life-giver and life-given, maker and made!
Leader: Breathe deep and feel the life in your lungs!

**People:** Open your eyes and see the wonders all around!
Leader: Listen! The Lord is here just as we gather in his presence.

**People:** Let’s worship for God is worth our praise.

*Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” #14

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

Leader: We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin but rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore let us seek God’s grace.

**People:** God of all creation, you created us in love, you created us for love and you invite us to enjoy relationship with one another and with you. You knew us as we were being formed and you love us with an everlasting love. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to value relationship as you do or when we hoard love as though it were a scarce commodity. Forgive us when we seek to blame others for failings that are ours. Remind us, God, that you neither blame nor shame, but love us without pause. Knowing ourselves loved, forgiven and welcomed into your embrace, may we be freed from all that prevents us from building community, here in this place and wherever we are.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

**Assurance of Pardon** (read responsively)

Leader: What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us? Yet God now calls us beloved children; Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers.

**People:** This is the good news of God’s grace: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*I 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!

**Anthem** “Let Everything Praise the Lord” Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

**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)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Be our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

**First Reading** (page 35 NT in the pew Bible) Mark 1:16-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #286

Second Reading (page 2 OT in the pew Bible) Genesis 2:4b-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Built for Relationship” Rev. Sarah Hooker
Eucharist  
(Ushers gather in the narthex at this time.)

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
Call to the Offering
Offertory  “My Jesus, I Love Thee”  A.J. Gordon, arr. Thygerson
*Choral Response  “The Doxology”  # 606

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Leader: Prayerfully, joyfully, reflectively we gather at this table.
People: At this table God invites us all to share in the Banquet of Life.
Leader: The meal we share is provided by God, for this table belongs to God; not the church, not the people.
People: And so God invites all those who seek to walk in The Way to eat and drink from it.
Leader: Come and taste the grace eternal, come and see that God is good.

*Hymn  “Come to the Table of Grace”  #507

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
Leader: May the Love of God, the Strength of Christ, and the Comfort of the Spirit be with you.
People: We gather here, Gracious God, with hearts of thanksgiving and praise.
Leader: ....Knowing that we stand in the midst of a cloud of witnesses, we share the cry of ages:
People: Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in God’s Name!

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer
*Recessional Hymn  “Let All Things Now Living”  #37

*Benediction

*Postlude  “How Majestic Is Your Name”  arr. Lani Smith

*You are invited to stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

“then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.”  

Genesis 2:7

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)
SUNDAY
September 13
9:30 am Worship in the Chapel (Chapel)
10:30 am Coffee Hour (FH)
2:00 pm Community Orchestra Rehearsal (Chapel)
4:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting (FH)

MONDAY
September 14
9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH)
11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
11:00 am Delaware County Senior Council (Chapel & CR)
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY
September 15
11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
5:00 pm Weight Watchers (FH)

WEDNESDAY
September 16
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)
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY
September 17
4:30 pm Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
6:00 pm Sewing Fellowship (RR)

FRIDAY
September 18
10:00 am “Gentle” Yoga (Chapel)
11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)

SATURDAY
September 19
Presbytery Assembly at Binghamton United

SUNDAY
September 20
9:30 am Sunday School - Building Faith Brick by Brick (CE Wing)
10:00 am Chapel Choir Gathers (Chapel)
10:30 am Worship (FPC Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee Hour (FH)
12:00 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm Community Orchestra Rehearsal (chapel)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts in CR

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

Thought for today:
“Be prepared for God to direct you to something you do not like, and teach you to like it!”
—J.I. Packer

First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York
Church Life: Week of September 13, 2015
“I will strive to enter that intimate space of Christ’s radical love with you.”
Welcome to worship, fellowship and a new year of Christian education!

We come to worship you, Lord Jesus. Lead us and guide us for the week ahead. Amen.

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 ROSEBUD on the Communion Table this morning is given by the Deacons in honor of the birth of Nolan Wilson Patry born August 20, 2015. Nolan is the son of Teresa and Brent Patry. Nolan is the grandson of Linda and Bruce Burr, the nephew of Caitlyn Burr and the great grandson of Betty Larsen.

The FLOWERS this morning are given by Janet Maxwell in memory of her parents, Walter and Mary Maxwell.

Join us following worship today for a kick off Pizza Party! Everyone is welcome!

The TRUSTEES responsible for counting today are Linda Burr and Jackie Clark. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 20 are Vicki Noble and Ed Goff.

The CHILD CARE ROOM will be available to parents today during the worship service. Volunteers are needed. There is a list of who will be providing care each week posted on the Nursery door. Child care is usually provided from after the children’s sermon until the end of worship most Sundays.

Pastor: Rev. Sarah Hooker
Music Director: Gayle Olsen
Organist: Gayle Olsen
Liturgist: Elder Sarah Philion
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(607) 746-2155, Fax # 746-2156
e-mail: office@fpcdelhi.org
Web Site: www.fpcdelhi.org
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.

Welcome back, Chancel Choir! Regular rehearsals will begin next Sunday, September 20th at 12:00 pm. The Chancel Choir is always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to join the choir, please feel free to come to choir practice each Sunday at 12:00 pm. following coffee hour fellowship.

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

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Thoughts on Giving: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well. Stewardship Prayer: Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

The children’s Sunday School at First Presbyterian is now an all ages class where students will use their imagination through LEGO® creations to experience their faith and the biblical story. Join us next week and see God at work, brick by brick. Sunday School starts at 9:30 am each Sunday during the school year.

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.

Mission Emphasis for September & October – Peace & Global Witness Offering

Public Wi-Fi is now available throughout the church. The password is firstpres. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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.

Join us in the Red Room Thursday evenings, September 17th and October 1st for sewing fellowship. All are welcome. Please call the church office with any questions.

Please join us this year for the local “Out of the Darkness Walk” on September 27th. As a church team we will be going up to the walk immediately following worship as a community witness to the struggle of mental illness and suicide among our friends, family and ourselves. IF you are not able to join our team in walking, please consider a generous donation to this worthy organization.

To join as a walker and donor go to http://afsp.donordrive.com/team/FirstPres!

Also, look for more information in our upcoming church newsletter.

Orders are being taken now so see a Trustee or Session member today or stop by the office to place your order.

Help heat our Sanctuary this winter and enjoy some cookies at the same time!

Selling period ending on October 21, 2015

Cost is $16 per box (3 dozen+/-) of mouth-watering cookies. Choose from many cookie flavors in addition to brownies, Apple Coffee Cake and Auntie Anne’s heat-and-serve Pretzels. The Trustees & other FPC Church Helpers will be taking orders, or you can place your order with the Church Office at 607-746-2155. Orders will be delivered in November before Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact:
Jackie Clark, any FPC Board Member or the Church Office

Delhi Area CROP WALK – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th
Registration – 1:30 pm with Walk at 2:00 pm.
We need both walkers and supporters.
Contact the church office or sign up at coffee hour.