



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

October 23, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." 2 Timothy 4:18

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

*Call to Worship (Psalm 65:1-13)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed.

O, you who answer prayer, to you all flesh shall come!

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water. You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

*Hymn

"Fight the Good Fight"

#846

Call to Confession

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life - to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem – Bell Choir

"Blessed Assurance"

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

"Life Safety at Church and at Home"

Elder Ed Furgol and Trustee Tom Little

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"Here in This Place"

#401

*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.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

Freely we have received - freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our lives and the gifts of the earth.

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

"I tell you the truth, whatever you have done for one of the least of my sisters or brothers, you have done it for me." Help us, Faithful God, to see you in the needs that confront us daily. Help us to see you in those who are weak, and lonely, and hungry, and afraid. As we offer ourselves to those who need love, may we know that we are touching you. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

"Sanctuary"

#701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Hymn

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

#802

*Benediction

*The Sending

"Bless the Lord"

#544

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it."*

—attributed to Vincent van Gogh

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Ed Furgol and Trustee Tom Little, Worship Leaders
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist



First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York **October 23, 2022**

Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us worship!

(Prayer) "Blessed are those you ... bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house" (Psalm 65:4, NIV).

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).

Worship will be held at Bovina Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Oct 30 at 10:00 am. Recently session has reached out to Bovina, as they are also in the search process for a pastor, to share thoughts and ideas. Bovina asked if we would come to service at their church on October 30th. Following the service there will be a dish-to-share dinner. They will provide beverages and table service. Our Session will talk with theirs after dinner to continue sharing ideas for the future. If you would like to carpool, plan to meet in the FPC parking lot by 9:30 when the cars will be leaving.

The deadline for newsletter submissions is this Monday, October 24. If you have any articles or items for the Nov-Dec Courier, or if you represent a committee, please have everything to Darcy by Monday afternoon.

The Session is continuing to search for an **interim minister for the church**. We have talked to numerous candidates, but at this time we have not been successful in finding a match for our church. This week we are once again asking PCUSA for a rematch of candidates for our church. Please keep us in your prayers as we search. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Barb Leo or Kathy Sullivan.

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 October our contact person will be Barb Leo. She can be reached at (607) 746-8265 or barb.leo@fpcdelhi.org. Renee Maxwell will serve as Elder On Call in November.

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 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14 Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may kneel before God every day, humbly recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking God to guide us in the ways we use and share his many gifts.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-16-2022</i>	35 - 24 in sanctuary + Approx. 11 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 10-16-2022	\$2,075.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$90,188.70
The amount given YTD as of 10-16-2022	\$70,322.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-16-2022	\$5,793.60
Kirk Receipts 10-9-22 to 10-15-22	\$1,338.83
Mission giving week of 10-16-2022	\$360.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-16-2022	\$2,553.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-16-2022	\$2,254.58

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

SUNDAY October 23	<i>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY October 24	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY October 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY October 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY October 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY October 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY October 30	<i>Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost</i> 10:00 am Worship at Bovina United Presbyterian Church