



# **The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York**

**October 9, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth."*

*2 Timothy 2:15*

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Church Life Notes**

#### **Introit**

*"We Have Come into His House"*

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Those who do the will of God are Christ's sisters and brothers.

**There are no outcasts in the family of God.**

For all of you are one in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**There are no borders, no dividing walls in the kingdom of God.**

For there will be a great multitude that no one can count,

**From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,**

Of all ages and abilities; every one of us is made in God's image.

**We are loved. We belong. We are the whole people of God.**

#### **\*Hymn**

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

**#317**

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**We confess to you, Creator God, that we have not always viewed one another through your image. We have dehumanized, debased, and devalued others. We have sought to exclude for purity's sake, rather than include for the sake of love. We have sought to control and keep people within bounds of our own making, instead of sharing the liberty that comes through faith in Christ Jesus. Forgive us. Call us into accountability. Widen our doors and open our borders. Break wide our hearts to your love, compassion, and healing. Lead us into the ways of justice, so that peace may prevail. It is in the name of Christ Jesus - who came to erase the lines that we have drawn, who bridges life through death into eternity, who forgives us of our sins - that we pray. Amen.**

*(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

God's steadfast love endures forever, and never fails us. God's love renews and restores us. When we love others, we feel God's love in us. When we care for others, God cares for us. When we show compassion to others, we remember God's mercy for us. You are loved. You are cared for. You are forgiven and restored. Go and share the good news with one another.

**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

*"We Will Keep Our Faith Alive"*

by Price/Besig

### Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading – Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*"We Are One in the Bond of Love"*

Victor Lipko, ALP

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### \*Hymn

*"God of the Sparrow"*

#22

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Shorter Catechism (1729)

Are there more Gods than one?

**There is but one only, the living and true God.**

How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

**There are three Persons in the Godhead: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

What are the decrees of God?

**The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.**

How doth God execute his decrees?

**God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

## **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**

**O steadfast and eternal God, you have kept us safe and secure, you have given us your love and comfort. We know that we cannot repay you in true measure for what we have received, but we bring these offerings to you together with our prayers, and we ask that you guide their use so that others may see your light and know your comforting love. Amen.**

### **Prayer Hymn**

*"Sanctuary"*

**#701**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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

### **\*Hymn**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" verses 1-3*

**#729**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*The Sending**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" verse 4*

**#729**

## **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."* —Victor Borge

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Leading us in worship this morning:  
Victor Lipko, ALP, Worship Leader  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Trustee Art Maxwell, Liturgist



## First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

October 9, 2022

Welcome! May you be refreshed and empowered through our time together in worship, to bless the world as God has blessed you.

*(Prayer)* We pray for the well-being of the places we live and this community where we minister, for in their welfare is ours as well (Jeremiah 29:7).

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).

The **rosebud** on the Communion Table this morning is given by the Deacons in honor of the birth of **Marek Cillian Ryan** - born on September 23, 2022 to Holly & Lee Ryan and welcomed by proud grandparents Charley & Kathy Beveridge. Marek will join his brothers Jacek and Braedon at home.

**Worship will be held at Bovina Presbyterian Church on 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.

**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](mailto:barb.leo@fpcdelhi.org).

**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:** *"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18* Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all he has given you and discern how he is calling you to share your gifts.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we regularly take time to thank God for all the blessings he bestows on us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-2-2022</i>	26 - 19 in sanctuary + Approx. 7 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 10-2-2022	\$942.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$85,894.00
The amount given YTD as of 10-2-2022	\$67,372.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-2-2022	\$5,653.60
Kirk Receipts 9-25-22 to 10-1-22	\$1,778.74
Mission giving week of 10-2-2022	\$365.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-2-2022	\$2,193.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-2-2022	\$2,254.58

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>October 9</b>	<b><i>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>October 10</b>	<b><i>Office closed in observation of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day</i></b> <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>October 11</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>October 12</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>6:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>October 13</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>October 14</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>October 15</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>October 16</b>	<b><i>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>