



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#8

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

"Simple Gifts"

arr. by Schweizer

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.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

New Testament Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

"We Will Remember Them"

Elder Ed Furgol

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

#354

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free; While God is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! While God is marching on.*

*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

Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with gratitude and praise.

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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Hymn** *"My Country, 'tis of Thee"* **#337**

*Benediction

***The Sending** *"Bless the Lord"* **#544**

Postlude

CCLI License # 275648

Thought for the Day: *"I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church."*
—Rachel Held Evans

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Ed Furgol, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director



First Presbyterian Church
of Delhi, New York
November 13, 2022

Friends, I welcome you to worship this autumn day. Let us bless the Lord and open our hearts to his guidance and grace. Amen.

(Prayer) Dear Jesus, amid global wars, earthquakes and plagues, may your words and wisdom sustain our hope in you. *(Based on Luke 21:5-19)*

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).



A CALL has been issued by the Session for a **Meeting of the Congregation** to be held immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 20, 2022. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2023. No other business may come before the Congregation at this time. Active members must be present in person in order to participate in the vote.

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 November our contact person will be Renee Maxwell. She can be reached at (607) 746-6128 or oma8243@gmail.com.

The Nov-Dec 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: *"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."* 2 Thessalonians 3:9 Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our faith.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-6-2022</i>	40 - 37 in sanctuary + Approx. 3 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 11-6-2022	\$2,795.25
The amount needed year-to-date	\$96,630.75
The amount given YTD as of 11-6-2022	\$76,444.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-6-2022	\$6,033.60
Kirk Receipts 10-30-22 to 11-5-22	\$1,493.92
Mission giving week of 11-6-2022	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-6-2022	\$2,688.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-6-2022	\$2,254.58

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

SUNDAY November 13	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY November 14	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY November 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY November 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY November 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY November 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY November 19	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY November 20	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Congregational Meeting 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner