



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Service of Thanksgiving for Christ the King

"... Joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share the inheritance of the saints of light." Colossians 1:11-12

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven:

who knew you and chose you before the world began, who so loves you that he calls you his own,

who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power,

who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade,

who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word,

who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others.

This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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Call to Thanksgiving

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord, he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Assurance of Grace

*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

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

New Testament Reading – Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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*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

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"*

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*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

With gratitude and thanksgiving, we surrender these gifts. Remembering all that we are blessed with, we humbly pray that these small tributes be shared with your people, O God. May we, the fortunate, never forget or take for granted our abundance. It is in obedience to you, Christ our king, that we share all our worldly goods. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

Thanksgiving Litany

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year, we give you our thanks. For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, and familiar surroundings, for health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life, for needs met and desires fulfilled,

we give you our thanks.

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit, for homes which supply shelter, which nurture beauty, and offer hospitality,

we give you our thanks.

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven, with enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life, with music which declares your everlasting goodness, with prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

we worship you with joy.

With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents, with words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, with time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community, with years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

we worship you with joy.

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves, with deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger, with holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace, with family and friends distant and nearby,

we worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." —G.K. Chesterton

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Jonathan Andrews, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Joe Weaver, Liturgist



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of Delhi, New York
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In the name of Christ the King, I welcome you to worship on this final Sunday of the church year. Let us together praise and worship our God.

(Prayer) Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. ... Awaken, souls, and sing, of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity. (Matthew Bridges, 1851)

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 today, 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.

Poinsettia Orders are due on Wednesday, November 23rd and Wreath Orders are due on Sunday, November 27th. Be sure to get your orders in on time!

The sign-up sheet for the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is on the bulletin board outside the office. Delhi Alliance also needs **volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday** for cooking/prepping, serving and clean-up. Wednesday prep will happen from 2 to 7pm, volunteers for Thursday are asked to arrive by 10:30am. Volunteers are also needed to cook a turkey and deliver it to the Fire Hall by 11am Thursday (turkeys are already purchased, they just need to be cooked!). Contact Delhi Alliance if you wish to help.

On Tues, Dec 6 from 9:30 to 12:30 EDD Adaptive Sports will be having a **craft time with special needs children** in the Chapel. Volunteers and participants are welcome! If you are interested in participating, call Barb Mackey at 607-435-7201, or speak with Betty Bell.

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: "...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." *Colossians 1:12* God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let him in!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may serve Jesus, our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-13-2022</i>	41 - 36 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 11-13-2022	\$2,872.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$98,778.10
The amount given YTD as of 11-13-2022	\$79,316.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-13-2022	\$6,253.60
Kirk Receipts 11-6-22 to 11-12-22	\$1,185.47
Mission giving week of 11-13-2022	\$40.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-13-2022	\$2,728.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-13-2022	\$2,294.58

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

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
MONDAY November 21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:30 pm MWS Committee Meeting
TUESDAY November 22	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY November 23	<i>Poinsettia Order Deadline</i> 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY November 24	<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i> 12:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner
FRIDAY November 25	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY November 26	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY November 27	<i>First Sunday of Advent & Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> <i>Wreath Order Deadline</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship

A VERY VERY VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

AT THE **KIRK**

All holiday items |
will be for sale
starting Dec 2nd in
Fellowship Hall.