



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

August 14, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us." Psalm 80:1-2

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 80)

Return to us, O God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

Your vine is cut down; it is burned with fire. At your rebuke your people perish.

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

***Hymn**

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#740

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News - we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! 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 always.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Curt Sather

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard; My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed. I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it. The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword, whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned, they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Our Faith”

Elder Tammi Tully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" #354

***Affirmation of Faith**

I inhale positive energy and exhale any fears. I will not worry about things that are out of my control. I am no longer afraid of what could go wrong. I will calmly think of solutions to any problem that may arise. I can handle anything that comes my way with the strength, courage, and my faith in God.

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**

Thanksgiving is the constant and characteristic note of the Christian life. In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, worship God. In painful moments, trust God. In every moment, thank God. "Thanksgiving is at the end of all human conduct, whether observed in words or works."* Giving thanks is the very life of prayer. Tell God how grateful you are for the fruit that falls from your gifts.

** J.B. Lightfoot*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" verses 1-3 #725

***Benediction**

***The Sending** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" verse 4 #725

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "Life is for service." —Fred Rogers

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Curt Sather, Guest Musician
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Carolyn Massey, Liturgist



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The Lord is a God nearby, not far off, Jeremiah tells us. Welcome, to each of you! God delights to draw near to you and rejoices when you come near to him.

(Prayer) Feed us with the sweetness of your grace, Creator God, and quench our thirst today with the living water of your Son.

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).

Darcy is on vacation this week from Monday to Wednesday, but he will be back in the office on Thursday.

Our mission for August is the **School Supply Drive** for students at Delaware Academy. The following items are needed: Glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, crayons, student scissors, pencils, pink pearl erasers, and pencil boxes. Cash donations will also be accepted so that we can shop for the needed items. Thank you for participating in this mission for our community!

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

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a **dish-to-pass brunch** today, Aug 14, immediately following the church service. We hope you can come enjoy some time with your church family!

The first fall **Sunday School** class will take place on September 25th at 9:45 for registration and a meet & greet, with discussion of the 2022/2023 Sunday School schedule as well as music and activities!

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: *“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51* Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to our faith. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we have the courage to step out of our comfort zone and stand up for the things we believe.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-7-2022</i>	29 - 24 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 8-7-2022	\$2,340.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$68,715.20
The amount given YTD as of 8-7-2022	\$56,474.03
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-7-2022	\$4,017.40
Kirk Receipts 7-31-22 to 8-6-22	\$1,134.46
Mission giving week of 8-7-2022	\$195.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-7-2022	\$1,343.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-7-2022	\$2,005.58

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

SUNDAY August 14	<i>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Dish-to-Pass Brunch
MONDAY August 15	<i>Office Closed - Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 16	<i>Office Closed - Darcy on Vacation</i>
WEDNESDAY August 17	<i>Office Closed - Darcy on Vacation</i> 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY August 18	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY August 19	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY August 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY August 21	<i>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship