



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

August 21, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,
"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth." Jeremiah 1:9*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 134)*

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***Hymn**

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Interlude

Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-12

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.” And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see an almond branch.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Promise of God”

Rev. J. Cody Gibson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

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*Affirmation of Faith – The Shorter Catechism (1729)

What is a Sacrament?

A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

The Sacrament of Baptism – Chloe Jean Margaret Gibson

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

Lord God, thank you for the blessings you have given us year after year. Help us to wisely use the time you have given us. Lead us, while we remain here on earth, to serve you through all the people around us who are in need. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

***Hymn** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* **#65**

*Benediction

***The Sending** *“Great God of Every Blessing” verse 1* **#694**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: “Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.” —Scott Adams

Leading us in worship this morning:
Rev. J. Cody Gibson, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Deacon Kathy Martin, Liturgist



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"You have not come to something that can be touched, ... [but] to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant" (Hebrews 12:18, 24). Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," says God to each of us. "Before you were born I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5). Lord, help us know your holy purposes for us this day.

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).

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!

Update on Matt Burgin - Matt returned home to Plattsburgh on Thursday, August 11th, to a welcoming neighborhood. The cards and prayers as well as generous support from the Kirk have been greatly appreciated. From Matt: "I will always have a place in my heart for FPC Delhi. This journey has shown me just how good we are in service to others serving our Lord."

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. Tammi Tully will be on call for the month of September.

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: *"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."* Luke 13:30 Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God's eternal banquet.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-14-2022</i>	30 - 25 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 8-14-2022	\$802.20
The amount needed year-to-date	\$70,862.55
The amount given YTD as of 8-14-2022	\$57,276.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-14-2022	\$4,153.60
Kirk Receipts 8-7-22 to 8-13-22	\$850.72
Mission giving week of 8-14-2022	\$50.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-14-2022	\$1,393.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-14-2022	\$2,005.58

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

SUNDAY August 21	<i>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship
MONDAY August 22	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 23	
WEDNESDAY August 24	10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting
THURSDAY August 25	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY August 26	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY August 27	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY August 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday & Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship