



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

August 28, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people, praise his holy name"
Psalm 30:4*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Matthew 11:28-30)**

Come to me, all who are heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am humble and gentle in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

***Song**

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Matt Redman

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Thanks be to God. 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 be of Christ with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Billy Meredith

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.

Gospel Reading – John 2:15-17

Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 8:5-7

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot.

New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 3:12-17

Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"How Would Your Life be Different Without God?"

Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn**

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

#442

***Affirmation of Faith - The Shorter Catechism**

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Eternal God, we present our gifts and offerings to you this morning as gift of love for you. We know that our financial giving is not all that we are expected to give. We remember that we are to take the Gospel to those outside our church. We understand we are to love with all our hearts, our minds and our souls. You have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to measure up in love and service. Amen.

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

Thank you God for providing us with this place of belonging. In response, we bring our own gifts to use in your church, and as we do, we offer our gratitude, for you have given us so much more than we deserve. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

“Sanctuary”

#701

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Hymn

“In the Garden”

C. Austin Miles

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Aging is not ‘lost youth’ but a new stage of opportunity and strength.”*

—Betty Friedan

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Deacon Barb Thompson, Liturgist



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"Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!" (Psalm 81:1, ESV). Welcome to this opportunity to praise God.

(Prayer) Summer is ending, O Holy One. Stir up our anticipation and hope for new routines and endeavors. Thank you for being with us in all seasons of life.

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).

On Sunday, September 11th please join the fellowship committee after the church service for Strawberry Short Cake. The 11th is the Sunday we will return to worship at 10:30, and welcome everyone back after summer vacation.

Barb Leo and Kathy Sullivan have been working on expanding our **search for an interim pastor**. We are working on advertising in some journals/newsletters that reach pastors and also reaching out to institutions of education that specialize in interim pastor training. We will be reaching out to neighboring churches and Presbyteries to search further for resources. At this time, we have done a rematch with PCUSA and have been working on contacting a list of potential interims. Please keep our church in your prayers as we go through this search process. If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to Barb or Kathy.

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

Tomorrow, August 29th, is the **deadline for newsletter submissions**. If you would like to contribute something for the September-October Courier, please get it to Darcy by 3pm tomorrow.

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!

Today 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, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14* One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many church communities that have become heavily dependent on fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local church. Generally speaking, at a church fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our offertory in worship, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with him.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-21-2022</i>	39 - 35 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 8-21-2022	\$880.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$73,009.90
The amount given YTD as of 8-21-2022	\$58,156.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-21-2022	\$4,318.60
Kirk Receipts 8-14-22 to 8-20-22	\$1,319.83
Mission giving week of 8-21-2022	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-21-2022	\$1,398.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-21-2022	\$2,090.58

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

SUNDAY August 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday & Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship
MONDAY August 29	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 30	
WEDNESDAY August 31	10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)
THURSDAY September 1	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 2	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY September 3	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY September 4	<i>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship