

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalm 91:14-16

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"We Have Come into His House"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day, their plans come to nothing.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, and the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever; your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us Lord, for all the things that we have done, said, and thought that have not pleased you. Help us to be truly sorry in our hearts so that we may change the way that we live and be ready for Jesus when he comes again. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God, today we lift up every request on our hearts and the hearts of our friends and family. You know every single detail of our lives and are aware of everything we need. Today we lay our sins at your feet and trust that we are forgiven.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

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*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

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. by Shephard

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, oh God, and prepare our hearts to hear your word. Pour into us your grace and strength so that every word comes to us in love and faith. Help us to find the truth that shall set us free. Lead us to the places that are ever green and where your light brings unending joy. Give us a strong will to follow your way through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 6:1, 4-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise in musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore, you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession. I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar

died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"For the Love of Money?"

Elder Tammi Tully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaims"

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*Affirmation of Faith

Father in Heaven, you have given us a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Today give us the grace and strength to embrace your holy will and fill our hearts and minds with truth and love that all our intentions and actions may be pleasing to you. Our hope is in you. You are forever faithful and true to your promises. We lean on you for strength. Encourage our hearts as we walk through this day. May your perfect will be done in our lives. May our thought life be filled with your grace and love. Our desire is to be like your son Jesus. Lord, you are so good to us.

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

All through this day, O Lord, by the power of your quickening Spirit, let us touch the lives of others for good, whether through the word we speak, the prayers we speak or the life we live. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus" verses 1-3

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*Benediction

*The Sending

"Fairest Lord Jesus" verse 4

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Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Faith walking in the dark with God only prays him to clasp its hand more closely, does not even ask him for the lifting of the darkness."* —Phillips Brooks

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist



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"Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob. ... Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 146:5, 10). I welcome you as we seek God's help and praise him in worship.

(Prayer) "[Our] refuge and [our] fortress; [our] God, in whom [we] trust": We thank you for the assurance that whenever we call on you, you will answer (Psalm 91:2).

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).

THE FLOWERS given this week are in memory of Evelyn Dickson from her children and grandchildren.

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 September our contact person will be Tammi Tully. She can be reached at (607) 376-1119 or tammitully@fpcdelhi.org. Barb Leo will serve as the contact in October.

Calling all bakers!! The Mission Committee of First Pres will be holding a bake sale at the Delhi Harvest Fest on October 1 on the Courthouse Square. Not only are we looking for bakers but we need your help setting up, selling and cleaning up. If you are available to help out in one of the time slots, please call Susie Little.

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: *“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” Luke 16:25-26* When God created the world he declared that it was good and he gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That our eyes may be open to the needs around us and our hands and hearts may be open to sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-18-2022</i>	34 - 29 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 9-18-2022	\$1,132.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$81,599.30
The amount given YTD as of 9-18-2022	\$65,495.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-18-2022	\$5,313.60
Kirk Receipts 9-11-22 to 9-17-22	\$1,260.81
Mission giving week of 9-18-2022	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-18-2022	\$1,678.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-18-2022	\$2,212.58

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

SUNDAY September 25	<i>Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:45 am Sunday School Meet & Greet 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY September 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY September 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY September 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 30	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY October 1	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Harvest Fest Bake Sale
SUNDAY October 2	<i>Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship