



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 10, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:15

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God is So Good"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 149:106)**

Leader: Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

People: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Unison: Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

***Hymn**

"Give Praise to the Lord"

#550

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are, indeed, quick to shift blame to another and slow to acknowledge that we did it and we could have done otherwise. We are slow to make amends and quick to blame the person we have wronged, society or circumstances or something else. Why on earth do we think any of this makes things better. Nope, we just have a flare for making a bad situation worse. Help us to see the situation as God sees it. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "This is the covenant I will establish . . . declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:10,12)

People: 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 of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

by Strathtdee

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we need your help to hear. By the power of your Spirit we pray we come to see what you intend in today's reading. Faithfulness begins with understanding. In Christ's Name, Amen.

New Testament Reading – Romans 13:8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:15-17

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Genesis 2:15-18

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Is That How We Get Into Trouble?"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism

Leader: Why are you baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

People: Because of the command Jesus gave to his disciples. After he was raised from the dead, he appeared to them, saying: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

Leader: What is the meaning of this name?

People: It is the name of the Holy Trinity. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God in three persons. We worship God in this mystery.

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

We respond to your generosity by being generous ourselves. Use these gifts to bless others here and throughout the world. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"From the world's perspective, there are many places you can go to find comfort. But there is only one place you will find a hand to catch your tears and a heart to listen to your every longing. True peace comes only from God."* —Charles Stanley

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Tammi Tully, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

(Prayer) "Give [us] understanding, that [we] may keep your law" (Psalm 119:34); "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8). God, help us love our neighbor and so keep your law.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

Last Tuesday Pastor Jamie was interviewed by Jeff Kellam, co-host of “Encounter,” a production of the Broome County Council of Churches. Jeff is the Minister of Mass Media for the Council. He saw the blurb in Thursday Thoughts that we sent on the **Toolbox for Living**. He was intrigued by it. Because of his gracious willingness to give us some free advertising, Pastor Jamie will try teaching it again by Zoom starting September 20. Perhaps someone in his audience will want to join us. Since the sessions will be recorded, you can follow along at your convenience. Please let the church office know if you want an invitation and you are in.

The Trustees would like to announce that **8 old wooden tables and 12 metal chairs** are available for the taking, for congregation members only. If you are interested, please see a Trustee for direction to their locations. If the tables and chairs are not claimed by Sept 17, they will be discarded.

On Sunday, September 24 we will have a **Sunday School Kick-off community picnic event** on the front lawn here at First Pres of Delhi from noon until 2pm. Please volunteer to help and/or supply needed items – there is a sign-up sheet in the new narthex. We are looking for donations of desserts, bottled water, ice, drinks (other than soda), and coolers. The fellowship committee will take care of hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, macaroni, potato and fruit salad.

The fourth annual **Delhi Dish-to-Pass community dinner** will be held on Sunday, September 24th at 4pm on the Courthouse Square, rain or shine. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share along with their own plates, cups, and utensils. Music will be provided by the Stoddard Hollow String Band. This is a great time of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Kevin Lee and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 17 are Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell.

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.

The Sept-Oct 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!

THOUGHTS ON GIVING *“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” - Ezekiel 33:7.* Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2023 has been set at \$43.95 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-3-2023</i>	35 - 32 in sanctuary + approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 9-3-2023	\$3,176.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$59,508.00
General amount given YTD as of 9-3-2023	\$60,090.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 9-3-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$15,250.32
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-3-2023	\$1,945.00
Kirk Receipts 8-27-23 to 9-2-23	\$1,517.55
Mission giving week of 9-3-2023	\$50.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-3-2023	\$1,770.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-3-2023	\$1,696.40

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

SUNDAY September 10	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY September 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY September 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY September 13	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY September 14	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY September 16	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
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