



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

September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." Luke 15:32

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God is So Good"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 113:6-9)**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

People: who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

People: he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

Unison: He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

***Hymn**

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, Creator of all that is, how is it that we get so turned around in our thinking? We miss the obvious truth so often. You are both patient and kind. But before you can heal and lead, we need to confess. So we pause to consider the troubled points in our lives. If we have turned from you, make that clear so we can confess and return. We hunger for wisdom. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

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

"Blessed Quietness"

arr. by Cleveland

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.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 108:10-13

Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? Is it not you, God, you who have rejected us and no longer go out with our armies? Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless. With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.

Epistle Reading – Romans 14:1-8

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Luke 14:17-20

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sin – To Miss the Mark"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism**

Leader: What is the Lord's Supper?

People: In the Lord's Supper I am fed at the table of God's family. Through the bread that I eat and the cup that I drink, the Lord offers me his body and blood. He renews my faith, and gives me the gift of eternal life. As I remember that he died for all, and therefore also for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: Why do we pray to God?

People: Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.

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

Indeed, we do not live to serve ourselves. We serve you by loving your children. You are present in all places. We want your love show in ways that are as broad as you are. Bless these gifts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul"

#819

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."*

—Mother Theresa

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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In the words of the Israelites: "The Lord is ... the reason for [our] song, because he has saved [us]" (Exodus 15:2, CEV). Welcome to worship!

(Prayer) We tend to think of clouds as gloomy, Lord, but your pillar of cloud protected the newly escaped Hebrews from their Egyptian enslavers. May we sense your protection in the clouds of life. Amen.

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).

The **rosebud** on the Communion Table this morning is given by the Deacons in honor of the birth of **Jonah Thomas Little** - born on August 26, 2023 to Jason & Gillian Little and welcomed by proud grandparents Tom & Susie Little, great grandparents Art & Renee Maxwell and Judy Bauer and his aunt and uncle Kelsey & Dylan Cole.

Pastor Jamie will be teaching **Toolbox for Living** again by Zoom starting September 19. Sessions will be recorded at noon on Tuesdays. Anyone wanting a link to the sessions just needs to contact Pastor Jamie or the church office. We will send links to the recordings once they are processed by Zoom.

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 (today), 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 Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 24 are Cullen LaFever and Harry Bell.

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 “For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” – Romans 14:8. This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask him how he is calling you to the live the life that he intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-10-2023</i>	43 - 41 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 9-10-2023	\$1,507.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$61,161.00
General amount given YTD as of 9-10-2023	\$61,597.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 9-10-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$15,673.94
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-10-2023	\$1,945.00
Kirk Receipts 9-3-23 to 9-9-23	\$1,128.28
Mission giving week of 9-10-2023	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-10-2023	\$1,775.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-10-2023	\$1,696.40

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

SUNDAY September 17	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY September 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY September 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm MWS Meeting 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY September 21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 22	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 23	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY September 24	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Sunday School Kick-Off Picnic (Front Lawn) 4:00 pm Delhi Dish-to-Pass Community Dinner