



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

October 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

"Love must be sincere." Romans 12:9a

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 23)**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

Leader: he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Unison: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#306

Prayer of Confession

Lord, our God and our Creator, you have shown us your acceptance of who we are in what you provide. As we look at your universe displayed around us, we see your care for even the smallest things. There is a place and a possibility for everything in creation. And you make each of us unique. So why do we struggle with the notion that we have a place in life, a role no one else can fill since you have created us to fill it? Why do we wonder if we are accepted among your people? Why are we anxious at the thought that if others understand us, we are in trouble? If you accept us, why don't we accept ourselves? Remove any shame at being ourselves that dwells in our hearts. Free us to live life based on your embrace. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "In *Jesus* we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us." (*Ephesians 1:3, 7-8a*)

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

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

You have given us the Spirit of Understanding to dwell in our hearts. By your Spirit, illumine the words we read and ponder so we might see rightly the path you lead us in today. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:1-9

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you. You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled. On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Love as Acceptance"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Hallowed be your name"?

People: We pray that God's name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God's name really stands for God.

Leader: What do we mean when we pray to God "in heaven"?

People: We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.

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**

You show us understanding love, and embrace us in your heart. We are grateful, so we give. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"There is a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* **#408**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"The function of prayer is not to influence God but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."* —Søren Kierkegaard

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Tammi Tully, Liturgist

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Friends, the King's banquet of life and love is ready! In baptism you have been clothed for the occasion. Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) Lord, you are the only true God, but we make and trust so many golden calves (Exodus 32:1-6). Help us place them at your feet and worship only you.

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).

A CALL has been issued by the Session for a Special Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**. The purpose of the meeting will be to ratify the proposed set of bylaws (hard copies are available and have been mailed out), and to elect a PNC. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.



Worship on Sunday, October 29 will be a combined service at United Ministry.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Kevin Lee and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on October 22 are Harry Bell 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.

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 *"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19.* God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we learn to depend on God to supply for our all needs.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-8-2023</i>	41 - 40 in sanctuary + approx. 1 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 10-8-2023	\$602.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$67,773.00
General amount given YTD as of 10-8-2023	\$66,487.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-8-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$17,368.42
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-8-2023	\$2,135.00
Kirk Receipts 10-1-23 to 10-7-23	\$1,629.45
Mission giving week of 10-8-2023	\$45.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-8-2023	\$1,845.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-8-2023	\$1,742.16

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

SUNDAY October 15	10:30 am Worship
MONDAY October 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY October 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY October 18	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 October 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 20	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 October 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY October 22	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Special Congregational Meeting