



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

October 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

"...out of all nations you will be my treasured possession" Exodus 19:5b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"You Are My All in All"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 99:1-3)**

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Unison: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, you have called us out of the nations to be your people, a world-wide priesthood. You have given us grace and so we are grateful. However, even though we know we need grace and celebrate grace, we do find it hard at times to give others the same grace we have received. The parable of the unforgiving service rings true. So by the power of your Spirit teach us humility. When we get hot towards others teach us to ask, "Do I do the same thing at times and feel justified?" As we learn to forgive others for doing the sorts of things we wish we did not do ourselves, we show the world the power of your understanding and accepting love. Help us to value others, even those who make us uncomfortable. 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

"Abide With Me"

arr. by Black

Prayer for Illumination

The things other need to hear are so clear to me. By the power of your Spirit, open my eyes so I might see what I need to be more like you. With the power of your light, I can see.

New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Exodus 19:4-6

“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Love as Valuing”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven"?

People: We ask God to fulfill God's purpose for the whole world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to accept God's will in all things, and to do our part in bringing about God's purpose.

Leader: Why do we pray "Give us today our daily bread"?

People: Because all good things come from God. Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely.

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 have called us and set us apart for a special use, to work together under your guidance to bring light to the earth and hope to all its people. Take our gifts and our lives and use them for blessing. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *“As the Deer” Sing 2x* **#626**

In the early church, Psalm 42 which is the basis of this hymn was chanted by the people as those seeking baptism came forward. The sight was commonly decorated with a deer’s head to remind us all, whether baptized or not, that only God’s truth satisfies our thirst fully. May this service of worship fill your heart and carry your soul for the week ahead.

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Special Congregational Meeting – All are invited to remain for the meeting, though only Active Members can vote.

Thought for the Day: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” —Deuteronomy 31:6*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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"To the church of FPC Delhi, in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace."
Welcome.

(Prayer) "From the rising of the sun and from the west ... there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other" *(Isaiah 45:6)*. We praise you, Lord God!

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 FLOWERS this week are given by Kathy and Kevin Sullivan in memory of Evelyn Thomson.

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 today**, Sunday, October 22, 2023. The purpose of the meeting will be a first reading of the proposed set of bylaws and to elect a PNC. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.



The deadline for Newsletter submissions is this Wednesday, October 25. If you have any articles or content that you would like to see in the November-December Courier, please get them to Darcy by Wednesday morning.

Worship next week (Sunday, October 29) will be a combined service at United Ministry at 10:30am.

Next Sunday is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. Since we will be having a combined service and will not be gathering at our building, feel free to bring your food bank donations in during office hours this week, or when the Kirk door is unlocked for store hours.

Yes, we are having a Bazaar! It is two weeks away – Nov 4 from 9am to 2pm. It will be a smaller bazaar than those in the past, but hopefully a fun and profitable one. The areas included are "Fellowship Hall Christmas Shoppe;" a bake sale in the New Narthex; "Betty's Knit Shoppe" full of handmade items in the New Narthex; a takeout lunch of quiche, salad, roll and dessert; and a Kirk Thrift Shoppe full of white elephants and treasures galore! Donations to the Christmas and treasure shops may be made anytime by leaving them in the tubs outside the elevator door or bringing inside when Kirk workers are there. Please do not leave donations anywhere upstairs. Handmade items should be clearly marked as such, priced, and left in the office with Darcy. You will receive info on the bake sale soon. Thank you for your support!

Rev. Greg A. Garis will be installed as the **Lead Presbyter for Transformation** at Andes Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 9:00am. There will also be a Zoom link available – contact Darcy for details.

We will be participating in the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this year by supplying boxes of Price Chopper cornbread stuffing. The dinner will be held at St. John's from noon to 3pm on Thanksgiving day. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the stuffing, please label your donation "Thanksgiving Dinner," and we will purchase the boxes. Volunteers would also be appreciated to help prepare takeout meals or run errands. It would be great if FPC Delhi could provide 1 to 5 volunteers this year.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Harry Bell and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on October 29 are Tom Leo and Ed Goff.

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 “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21. Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what he gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we realize we aren’t “owners” of anything but merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-15-2023</i>	31 - 27 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 10-15-2023	\$3,487.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$69,426.00
General amount given YTD as of 10-15-2023	\$69,974.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-15-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$17,792.04
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-15-2023	\$2,135.00
Kirk Receipts 10-8-23 to 10-14-23	\$2,127.17
Mission giving week of 10-15-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-15-2023	\$1,845.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-15-2023	\$1,742.16

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

SUNDAY October 22	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Special Congregational Meeting
MONDAY October 23	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY October 24	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY October 25	Newsletter Deadline 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 October 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 27	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 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY October 29	Bountiful Giving Sunday 10:30 am Worship at United Ministry

