



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

**October 8, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"You Know Me." Psalm 139:1b*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*"You Are My All in All"*

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 19:1-4)**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

Leader: They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**Unison: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

**\*Hymn**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**#625**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, why is it that we want to be understood? We want others to hear, we want the recognition that comes from another agreeing, but we are very quick to repeat our point, then repeat it again and if necessary repeat ourselves yet again. We just don't allow our hunger to be understood to teach us how to love others. Help us to see how you have loved us through understanding. Teach us to do the same for others. Forgive us when we flop. Let us feel your gratitude when we get it right. In Christ's Name, Amen.

*(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "For the Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

*(Colossians 1:13-14)*

**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**

*"You Are Mine"*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**You come to us in understanding, so open our hearts and our minds to your truth. Guide the pastor's words and our minds so we leave this place cleansed, revived, and ready to do it your way. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:33-46**

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

## **Epistle Reading – Philippians 3:4b-12**

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Message Reading – Psalm 139:1-6**

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*“Love as Understanding”*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: What do we mean when we pray to God as "Our Father"?

**People: As Jesus taught us, we call upon God like little children who know that God cares for them and loves them. Because Jesus prayed to God as his Father, we too can pray to God in this way.**

Leader: When we pray to God as our Father, do we mean that God is male?

**People: No. Only creatures who have bodies can be male or female. But God is Spirit and has no body.**

### **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**

**Take our gifts, O Lord, and make them powerful to accomplish great things. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**    *"Take My Life"*    **#391**

### **\*Charge to the Congregation**

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."* —Chuck Swindoll

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York  
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Welcome to worship in the name of God, the maker of all; Jesus, the Savior; and the Holy Spirit, divine guide of our lives. Amen.

*(Prayer)* We are tenants, not owners, of this “vineyard” — this earth, this life. God, as we live and work in your vineyard, teach us to cultivate love.

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).

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

A **funeral service for Jane Howard** will be on Saturday, October 14 at 2:00pm. Jane was born December 29, 1928 and she passed away on September 30, 2023.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Art Maxwell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on October 15 are Kevin Lee and Cullen LaFever.

**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** *“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42.* Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we are not afraid of living our faith because of fear of being “rejected” by others.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-1-2023</i>	35 - 33 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 10-1-2023	\$1,476.76
General amount needed year-to-date	\$66,120.00
General amount given YTD as of 10-1-2023	\$65,885.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-1-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$16,944.80
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-1-2023	\$2,115.00
Kirk Receipts 9-24-23 to 9-30-23	\$1,878.33
Mission giving week of 10-1-2023	\$45.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-1-2023	\$1,845.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-1-2023	\$1,742.16

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>October 8</b>	<b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>October 9</b>	<i><b>Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day</b></i> <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>October 10</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>October 11</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>October 12</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>October 13</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>October 14</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>2:00 pm Funeral for Jane Howard</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>October 15</b>	<b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>