

# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

#### \*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

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

#720

#### Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that we have not listened for your Word as we should. We confess that we have placed obstacles in the way of our neighbors. We are guilty of being proud and arrogant. Forgive us for our foolish and hateful ways. Forgive us for taking your amazing gift of grace for granted. Redirect us, by your Spirit, that we may be your faithful people once again. Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

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

*"In His Time"*

#### Recognition of Long-Term Members

50-Year Members – David Gile, Vera Hunt, Mary Schmitt

55-Year Member – Al Perkins

75-Year Members – Margie Hume, Frank Snyder

## Prayer for Illumination

Together we pray for the understanding of the Word. Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 17:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, "I repent", you must forgive.' The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Message Reading – Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"The Rocks in Our Way"*

Rev. Dr. Greg Garis, Lead Presbyterian for Transformation

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Forgive us our sins"?

**People: Telling God we are sorry, we ask God not to hold our sins against us, but to accept us again by grace.**

Leader: Why do we continue with "as we forgive those who sin against us"?

**People: Because we are to forgive others, just as God has forgiven us.**

## Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

### Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/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 dedicate these gifts in your name, to do your work in this world. Let us be light to the world as we share your love. Amen, Alleluia!**

## **Commissioning of Our PNC**

*Kathy Beveridge, Kevin Lee, Renee Maxwell, Leslie McKeegan, Kathy Sullivan, Barb Thompson, Joe Weaver and Barb Leo (as alternate)*

Commissioning Questions: Pastor Jamie

Prayer: Greg Garis, Lead Presbytery for Transition

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

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

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"*

**#69**

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

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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**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*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Rev. Dr. Greg Garis, Lead Presbyter for Transformation - Worship Leader

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell - Liturgist

Billy Meredith - Music Director

Greg Garis grew up in Southern California and was baptized and nurtured in faith by the faithful pastors and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Covina. He became one of the leaders in the High School Fellowship Group. Greg in college became the part-time Jr. High Youth Director and was active in the youth ministry of San Gabriel Presbytery and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.

After graduating from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Behavioral Science, Greg became an Intern/Consultant with the Youth and Young Adult Program office in the denominational offices in New York City. Between the years of 1981-1983 Greg helped facilitate youth ministry for our denomination.

Greg entered Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and served his first church in Owensboro, Kentucky. There he met and married his wife, Lynn. His second church was in Edgewater, New Jersey. Greg and his wife then moved to Brunswick, Georgia where he served the First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick. In Georgia, Greg and Lynn welcomed two children to their family, Cole and Hope. While serving the Brunswick Church, Greg earned his Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His thesis was titled "Pre-transition Preaching." Then Greg received the call to be the Interim Executive Presbyter of Savannah Presbytery. After two additional interim pastor positions, Greg was called to St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Hurst, Texas (near Ft. Worth) and was there for nearly 12 years.

In January Greg received the call to be the Lead Presbyter for Transformation for the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley in NY. He began this new call on April 1, 2023.

### **Five things you should know about Greg:**

- 1) His favorite activities are to be a father and husband;
- 2) He is a consummate Formula 1 race fan and has attended 6 United States Grand Prixes;
- 3) He attended Skip Barber racing school and is currently a sim racer
- 4) He doesn't have exacting taste buds, so food is not a priority in his life;
- 5) He tried to learn surfing in High School, but the board kept hitting him in the head so he stopped.



## First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

**November 12, 2023**


Welcome to church! It is a gift to come together in worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Prayer) Jesus, open our hearts to receive your word this day, and then to live it out in the days ahead. 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).

**Today we will be installing our PNC members, as well as recognizing our Long-Term Members.**

*The following **MEMBERS** will be **RECOGNIZED** during the church service today for milestone years of membership in the First Presbyterian Church family. We celebrate their years of faithfulness and service!*

<b>50 years:</b> David Gile Vera Hunt Mary Schmitt	<b>55 years:</b> Al Perkins	<b>75 years:</b> Margie Hume Frank Snyder	
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**From Pastor Jamie:** On Thursday, Nov 16 from 7-8:30pm, Rev. Shannon Kiser will be with us via zoom talking about "**How can I help my friends connect with God?**" I will be in the office. Anyone who would like to join me is welcomed. If viewing from home makes better sense for you, I will get you the link so you can join us. Rev. Kiser's passion for speaking of God is being shared with us because most Presbyterians are better at telling others what the church is doing than why we do it. So they come and buy stuff at the Kirk or do Yoga in our Chapel, but they don't think of us when they are seeking a Spiritual Community. This is one of the Vital Rural Church seminars brought to us by our Presbytery.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this year will be hosted by St. John's and held at the Fire Hall from noon to 3pm on Thanksgiving day. If you would like to donate toward the funds we have already contributed, please label your donation "Thanksgiving Dinner." **There is a sign-up sheet in the New Narthex for the volunteers we need:** we need volunteers to bake the stuffing (we have 30 boxes) and deliver it to the Fire Hall; we need volunteers to cook two turkeys (turkeys provided) and deliver them to the Fire Hall; we need four volunteers to help out on Thanksgiving Day. Please consider helping the community and the local churches this Thanksgiving!

**Grace's Touch**, a gospel vocal ensemble consisting of Mark & Ellen Edwards and their children Patricia, Nicole, Rebecca and Stephen, will be returning to the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi for another concert on Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 pm!

**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 **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Ed Goff and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 19 are Joe Cantwell and Kevin Lee.

The **Nov-Dec 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** *“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” - Matthew 25:13.* Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our faith. Jesus’ call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don’t delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we understand God’s call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-5-2023</i>	47 - 46 in sanctuary + approx. 1 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 11-5-2023	\$1,940.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$74,385.00
General amount given YTD as of 11-5-2023	\$74,394.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-5-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$19,062.90
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-5-2023	\$2,255.00
Kirk Receipts 10-29-23 to 11-4-23	\$973.60
Holiday Bazaar Total Receipts 11-4-23	\$3,620.90
Mission giving week of 11-5-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-5-2023	\$2,020.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-5-2023	\$1,786.16

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>November 12</b>	<b>9:30 am Deacons Meeting</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Long-Term Member Recognition and PNC Installation</b> <b>11:30 am Fellowship Committee Meeting</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>November 13</b>	<i>Office Closed</i> <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>November 14</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>November 15</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>6:00 pm MWS Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm Trustees Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>November 16</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>November 17</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>November 18</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>November 19</b>	<b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (First Baptist)</b>