



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit - Bells

***Call to Worship (Psalm 123)**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

People: As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,

Leader: so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.

Unison: We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

***Hymn**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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Prayer of Confession

You know we worry, Lord. Often we worry will we have enough, enough strength to finish well, enough money to be comfortable, enough discipline to do the right thing. There are so many ways we can worry, but it all has the same effect. We ignore the truth. You have created a world in which there is enough. It takes hard work to mess that up. We weep for those who live in places in which shortages take lives. But what is sadder, to live in a war zone or live surrounded by abundance and worry there is not enough? Help us to put aside our worry and embrace the blessings this family gathering brings into our lives. Help us to remember the blessing given, the blessing received. You love a cheerful giver. Help us to be one more reason you decided it made sense to come and live among us. You are faithful. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." (*Proverbs 28:13*)

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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

arr. by Wagner

Prayer for Illumination

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. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 90:1-8

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“There is Enough”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: Why does our prayer end with "Amen"?

People: "Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so." It expresses our complete confidence in God, who makes no promise that will not be kept and whose love endures forever.

This concludes **"The First Catechism"** of our Denomination. If you have enjoyed it and would like to have a copy of the complete Confession, let me know. I am happy to print one off for you.

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**

What we have is yours, ours to use as your stewards. We are happy to be able to continue your work here. Bless these gifts and our life. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"We Gather Together"* **#336**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile"* —Max Lucado

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

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Psalm 90 proclaims: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ's church. Welcome.

(Prayer) Some gather here with heavy hearts; others, with joyful spirits. Spirit of Love, help each of us feel your embrace.

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 morning are given by Kathy & Kevin Sullivan in memory of Kathy's mother, Kathryn Thomson.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is this Thursday at the Fire Hall from noon to 3pm. If you would like to donate toward the funds we have already contributed, please label your donation "Thanksgiving Dinner." We still need one volunteer to cook a turkey (turkey provided) and deliver it to the Fire Hall - and one more volunteer to help out on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up so far!

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! There will be a soup and salad dinner following the concert.

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 Joe Cantwell and Kevin Lee. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 26 are Cullen LaFever and Tom Leo.

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 *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* - Matthew 25:21. God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts he has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts he has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-12-2023</i>	62 - 55 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 11-12-2023	\$1,546.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$76,038.00
General amount given YTD as of 11-12-2023	\$75,940.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-12-2023	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$19,486.52
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-12-2023	\$2,355.00
Kirk Receipts 11-4-23 to 11-11-23	\$1,889.53
Mission giving week of 11-12-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-12-2023	\$2,020.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-12-2023	\$1,786.16

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

SUNDAY November 19	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (First Baptist)
MONDAY November 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY November 21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY November 22	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 November 23	<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i> 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner
FRIDAY November 24	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY November 25	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY November 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship