

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

November 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Know that the Lord is God. Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, for the Lord is good and his love endures forever.” Psalm 100

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead.

People: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords...

All: ...to him be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#196

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, you are the King of the World, the creator of all things and the giver of life. You have made us in your image and invited us to be your children—the heirs of your Kingdom— and we give you our thanks and praise. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what you would have us be.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news: GOD REMEMBERS! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

“Give Thanks”

by Smith

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Leader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Reign of Christ: Calling All Sheep”

Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Song

“I Surrender All”

Van De Venter

*Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism

Leader: Who made you?

People: God.

Leader: What else did God make?

People: God made all things.

Leader: Why did God make you and all things?

People: For his own glory.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was and is to come.

People: In response to God's love in Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities and material gifts for God's service.

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

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings, we pray, that through them we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”* **#263**

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness”*

—Henry David Thoreau

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Susie Little, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York
November 26, 2023

Welcome, one and all, as we worship Christ the King in song and speech, prayer and praise.

(Prayer) Jesus, help us see you in the face of anyone we meet who is in need today, and to serve as we are able.

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 in memory of **Dr. Howard Dickson from his family.**

This Thursday, November 30, is the deadline for poinsettia orders. Forms are available in the courier, the new narthex and outside the office.

Today 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 Cullen LaFever and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 3 are Harry Bell and Joe Cantwell.

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 "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." - *Matthew 25:40.* Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure, especially when it's not always convenient for us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-19-2023</i>	57 - 55 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 11-19-2023	\$2,870.25
General amount needed year-to-date	\$77,691.00
General amount given YTD as of 11-19-2023	\$78,810.51
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-19-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$19,910.14
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-19-2023	\$2,355.00
Kirk Receipts 11-12-23 to 11-18-23	\$1,944.55
Mission giving week of 11-19-2023	\$50.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-19-2023	\$2,070.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-19-2023	\$1,786.16

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

SUNDAY November 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY November 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY November 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:15 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY November 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY November 30	<i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY December 1	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) 2:30 pm Decorating the Church for Christmas
SATURDAY December 2	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY December 3	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion