

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

"God is Faithful." 1 Corinthians 10:13

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD



Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Let All Things Now Living"

*Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-4)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Unison: those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Prayer of Confession

Just as resistance and movement strengthens our muscles, so challenge and success builds our souls. But as you know, Lord, when we are trying to do something different we often wonder if we have the strength, the wisdom, the endurance or even the luck to succeed. Some of us we wonder if we can get it right. Others wonder if even success will bring us any joy. So we are tempted, tempted to quit, tempted to say, "It's too hard," tempted to say, "I am not that sort of person." These are the great temptations because one way or another they are all temptations to quit. Even in human terms, we know that we have not failed until we quit. Save us from falling into the great temptation. By your Spirit help us remember the truth. You are faithful. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Choral Response

"Gloria Patri"

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*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 Me a Song"

by Choplin

Prayer for Illumination

As we open your Word, open our eyes that we may see your word to us, and our ears to what your heart speaks to our hearts. Give us understanding. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 43:1-6

Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked. You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy? Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

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 – 1 Corinthians 10:12-14

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Soul Building Love"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

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.

Eucharist

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"

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*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 give, we give, and with your blessing the world receives light and hope. We sure could use more light and hope today. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" verses 1 & 2

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served in your pews by ushers, or you may use the individual elements that were provided on your way in this morning.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Closing Hymn

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" verses 3 & 4

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*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: *"We must remember that the shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor."* —Charles Stanley

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist

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“Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds” (Psalm 107:8). Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) Praise to you this autumn morning, Lord God! Thank you for claiming us as your children.

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).

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, November 5, 2023**. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on amendments to the bylaws. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.



Next Sunday, November 12, we will be installing our PNC members, as well as recognizing our Long-Term Members.

We will be participating in the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this year by supplying stuffing. The dinner 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 cost of the stuffing, please label your donation “Thanksgiving Dinner;” we are taking care of purchasing the needed amount. **There is a sign-up sheet in the New Narthex for the needed volunteers:** we need volunteers to bake the stuffing for a Wed, Nov 22 delivery to the Fire Hall; we need volunteers to cook two turkeys (turkeys provided) for delivery on Wed, Nov 22; we need four volunteers to help out at the Fire Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Please consider helping the community and the local churches this Thanksgiving!

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 Harry Bell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 12 are Ed Goff and Harry Bell.

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 *“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” - Matthew 23:12.* The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we ask God to help us grow in the virtue of humility.

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

<i>Attendance (at United Ministry combined service) Sunday 10-29-2023</i>	22
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 10-29-2023	\$520.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$72,732.00
General amount given YTD as of 10-29-2023	\$72,454.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-29-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$18,639.28
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-29-2023	\$2,255.00
Kirk Receipts 10-22-23 to 10-28-23	\$2,044.48
Mission giving week of 10-29-2023	\$155.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-29-2023	\$2,020.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-29-2023	\$1,786.16

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

SUNDAY November 5	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 11:30 am Special Congregational Meeting
MONDAY November 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY November 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY November 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY November 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY November 10	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 November 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am – 1:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY November 12	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Long-Term Member Recognition and PNC Installation 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Meeting