

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

**August 4, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

*“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24*



**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 78:23-29)**

Leader: Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.

**People: Men ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.**

Leader: He let loose the east wind from the heavens and led forth the south wind by his power.

**People: He rained meat down on them like dust, flying birds like sand on the seashore.**

Leader: He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.

**People: They ate till they had more than enough, for he had given them what they craved.**

**\*Hymn**

*“People of the Lord”*

**#632**

**Prayer of Confession**

**It seems like a paradox: God loves us and forgives our sins, but we are still supposed to fear him. Why should we dread someone who pardons us? Though fear and forgiveness seem like contradictory concepts, they actually go hand-in-hand. That is because godly fear is not terror; it is reverence. Out of reverence to God, we confess our sins; out of love, he heals and pardons us. So ultimately, fear and forgiveness teach us the love of the Lord – and that, is a very good thing. Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: You have within your grasp the greatest message ever known. One God loves you and forgives your sins. He will save you if you will only believe in him. God, thank you for your saving word and for all who have proclaimed it. Thank you for teaching us the greatest message ever known.

**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**

### **Interlude**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Peace in our hearts makes our lives beautiful and wonderful. God gives the peace when we draw close to him to receive his love, his word, and his blessings. This peace counters the turbulence we have elsewhere in our lives. It brings the stability of knowing we belong to God and the security of knowing he is with us always! In Christ's name – Amen.**

#### **New Testament Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16 – “Unity in the Body of Christ”**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.” (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for worlds of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Reading – John 6:24-35 – “Jesus is the Bread of Life”**

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in the search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this; to believe in the one he has sent.” So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn**

*"Together We Serve"*

**#767**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God the Holy One of Israel, who alone we worship and serve.

**Presentation of Gifts & Offerings**

**Call to the Offering (Acts 20:35)**

Leader: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus; It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we are glad to be here in your presence - in thankfulness. We bring you our gifts and ask that you bless them, to use them in your work. Take us and use us, too, so that many more may have the chances to know you and be joyful in your house. Amen.

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn**

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*

**#507**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Unison: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Distribution**

**Prayer After Communion**

Leader: Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one-cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to the entire world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Unison: Amen.**

**\*Charge to the Congregation**

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Sending**

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

**#546**

**Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *“The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they’re loved and capable of loving.” —Fred Rogers*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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**of Delhi, New York**

**August 4, 2024**

Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both savior and friend and who welcomes all.

*(Prayer)* Praise to you, O Lord! Though you are above all and beyond all, you come close to us and hold us in gentle care. We worship you.

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).

We are following our **summer schedule**; worship begins at 9:30am. We will return to our fall schedule after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 8. For these summer services the front doors of the church will be open.

**The last Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY.** The Delhi Food Pantry accepts **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.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Alex Cantwell and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 11 are Art Maxwell and Tom Little.

**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** *“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” Exodus 16:4.* When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we recognize the difference between what we need and what we want and trust that God has provided us with enough to share.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2024 has been set at \$45.90 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 7-28-2024</i>	52 - 49 in sanctuary + approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 7-28-2024	\$1,306.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$52,772.40
General amount given YTD as of 7-28-2024	\$56,492.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 7-28-2024	\$110.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$10,096.20
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-28-2024	\$2,098.00
Kirk Receipts 7-21-24 to 7-27-24	\$2,061.88
Mission giving week of 7-28-2024	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 7-28-2024	\$811.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 7-28-2024	\$1,417.80

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> August 4	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:30 am Worship with Communion</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> August 5	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> August 6	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> August 7	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> August 8	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> August 9	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> August 10	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 11	<b><i>Pastor Jamie Away</i></b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b>