

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

August 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

1 Corinthians 13:7

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Call to Worship (Psalm 124:6-8)

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken,

and we have escaped.

Unison: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Prayer of Confession

We know that we have one foot in the world and another in your heaven. There is nothing like our response to stress. It is a gift to get us started, but we know we need to learn to turn loose of it once we have done what is needed. Like pain after an injury, it is a call to action. Once we have done what can be done, we take a pill and ignore the pain the best we can. And once the situation is resolved, with your help we experience amazing joy. But the foot we have in the world always worries the pain will continue forever. The foot we have in heaven says, "It will be ok." Help us hear your voice that shows us the way forward. In Christ's Name, 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

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

What you have to say is so sensible, but your words can be at cross purposes with our sense of what is right. So we need your presence to be able to see your truth. We pray for light. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Gospel Reading - John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message Reading - 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: God's Word for Today. **People: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

*Choral Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

You call for us to bless the world. Take these gifts we bring and use them to do exactly that. You love the world and send us out to embrace it and heal it. 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: "One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words." —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
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Welcome! "Reverence for the Eternal is the first step toward wisdom." So let us come before God in awe and praise.

(*Prayer*) Lord, as we pray together in the Spirit, dress us in your armor: salvation, truth, righteousness, faith, the Word of God and eagerness to share the gospel of peace.

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 Kevin Lee and Ed Goff. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 25 are Tom Little and Harry Bell.

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 "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" Romans 11:35. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - he already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in his image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

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

Due to my vacation I am creating this bulletin a week in advance, therefore I do not have the financial data or attendance information for Sunday, August 11. I will include all the information from 8/11/24 in next week's Church Life. — Darcy

SUNDAY	9:30 am Worship	
August 18		
MONDAY	9:00 am Kirk Work Day	
August 19	5:30 pm Session Meeting	
TUESDAY		
August 20		
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am Gentle Yoga	
August 21	6:00 pm MWS Meeting	
	6:00 pm Trustees Meeting	
THURSDAY	9:00 am Kirk Work Day	
August 22		
FRIDAY	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open	
August 23	10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open	
August 24	10:00 am Yoga	
SUNDAY	Bountiful Giving Sunday	
August 25	9:30 am Worship	