



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

August 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Love does not insist on its own way." 1 Corinthians 13:5b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-4)**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;

Leader: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

People: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

Unison: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

***Hymn**

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

#43

Prayer of Confession

You who are the lover of my soul, I return your embrace and offer gratitude for the Gift of Jesus Christ. He restores our souls and lifts us up. As we learn about and look at his life, we become aware of times we are faithful. We bear a good witness. People are blessed. We are joyful. Then we also see moments in which we have not lived as good examples of your Son's love. When that happens forgive us and restore us to your presence. We want to be your people in all of our relationships. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23)

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

Your Word teaches us what love is. Open our hearts to the reality of love in its fullness. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 8:6-7, 10-11, 22-23

The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and overshadowed the ark and its carrying poles.

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven and said: "Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

Gospel Reading – John 6:56-69

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"This is My Song"

#340

Message Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Love Is..."

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

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 have made us rich in the things that last forever. We give you thanks and ask that our gifts might be a blessing to others. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* **#286**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Joy is the infallible proof of the presence of God."* —Madeline L'Engle

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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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.

Monday, August 26 is the deadline for September-October Newsletter submissions. If you have anything for the upcoming Courier, please get it to Darcy by tomorrow!

We have been gathering **school supplies** in co-ordination with the other Delhi churches over the month of August. If you would like to donate some supplies, we could still use **black sharpie markers, dry-erase marker 4-packs, plastic pencil boxes, 3x3 post-it notes and travel size deodorants.** We will be bringing the supplies to the school this week, so either get them to the office tomorrow or bring donations to the school itself!

Bell Choir rehearsals will resume starting Wednesday, Sept 4 at 5pm. **Choir rehearsals** will resume Sunday, Sept 8 at 9:45am.

Address update: Rev. Robert Barrett, Bement Health Care Center, 601 N. Morgan St., Bement, IL 61813.

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 Tom Little and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 1 are Kathy Beveridge and Art Maxwell.

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 *"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15. When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local congregation and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we experience the peace and joy God wants for us in serving him and others.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-11-2024</i>	30 - 24 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 8-11-2024	\$1,245.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$56,290.56
General amount given YTD as of 8-11-2024	\$59,378.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 8-11-2024	\$10.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$10,769.28
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-11-2024	\$2,108.00
Kirk Receipts 8-4-24 to 8-10-24	\$1,773.82
Mission giving week of 8-11-2024	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-11-2024	\$811.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-11-2024	\$1,462.80

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-18-2024</i>	40 - 35 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 8-18-2024	\$1,425.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$58,049.64
General amount given YTD as of 8-18-2024	\$60,803.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 8-18-2024	\$9.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$11,105.82
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-18-2024	\$2,117.00
Kirk Receipts 8-11-24 to 8-17-24	\$1,715.49
Mission giving week of 8-18-2024	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-18-2024	\$811.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-18-2024	\$1,462.80

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

SUNDAY August 25	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY August 26	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 27	
WEDNESDAY August 28	10:30 am Gentle Yoga 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting
THURSDAY August 29	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY August 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY August 31	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY September 1	9:30 am Worship with Communion