



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 15, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

"(Love) always..." 1 Corinthians 13:7

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"What Can I Do For You?"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 116:1-5)**

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

Leader: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Unison: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

***Hymn**

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

#52

Prayer of Confession

Unchanging Lord, since the beginning of time You have been. Each day the sun rises, the earth awakens, rest ends and work begins. How can we even begin to love like You love! Yet, we know that reliability reflects Your constancy. So remind us that the temptation to pack it in for the day, the urge to be upset or nasty denies who You are and who You created us to be. So rekindle the love in us that is like Your love. Forgive us and embrace us and set us on our way again. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (*Romans 8:31b-32*)

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Today's Assurance of Pardon is dedicated to "Jack" Curley who lived loving God and did not allow a degenerative nerve condition to prevent him from living well. He truly did rely on the Spirit and made the best of each day.*

***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

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

by Miller

Video for Pastors Looking for a Church

Prayer for Illumination

We need your Spirit to crowd out all that is hurtful, all that is false and all that separates us from You and others. So by the power of Your Spirit, defeat what is twisted in us so we may see the glory of Your Word. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:14-15

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Accepting Ed Chytalo Into Membership by Letter of Transfer

***Hymn**

*"As the Deer"****

#626

***Ps 42:1 has been said, chanted and sung as people join a church since records began.*

***Reaffirmation of the Truth – Apostle's Creed**

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Message Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:7

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Love Always..."

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**

Lord, You always protect, trust, hope and preserve. Use these gifts and our lives to love Your people, both in and outside of the Church. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

#833

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"When we can't put our prayer into words, God hears our hearts."*

—Romans 8:26 (personal paraphrase)

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Mary Conklin, Liturgist

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God told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so people who were sick could look at it and be healed. Likewise, we look to Christ, raised up on a cross, and our souls are healed. Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) God, some of our friends think we are foolish to spend time at church. Remind us we are not alone — it has always been so for Christians — but in Christ's cross is your saving power. Amen.

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).

Thanks to the Curley family, who came over last Sunday during morning worship and put pumpkins and mums on the front steps of the church. They are very appreciative of last Sunday's service for their son. Over 100 people came to honor and say goodbye to "Jack."

To celebrate gearing up for fall, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Back to Fall Brunch** after church today in the Chapel. Come dine and socialize as we prepare our hearts and our schedules back into the routine of Fall.

On September 22, weather permitting, our local neighbors are having a **Block Party on Cross Street** from 2 to 5pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers and iced tea are being provided. You are invited to join them if you want to. In case of rain, they will try again on September 29. If it rains both dates, they will scale things back a bit and use the chapel.

The **combined church service on Sunday, September 29** will be at Bovina United Presbyterian Church. The Bovina service begins at 10am.

On October 6th, the Sunday closest to Saint Francis's birthday, Pastor Jamie will bless any pets brought to him. This will happen rain or shine in front of the church.

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 Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 22 are Cullen LaFever and Harry Bell.

The Sept-Oct Courier and our **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 wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* Mark 8:34. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-8-2024</i>	38 - 33 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 9-8-2024	\$762.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$63,326.88
General amount given YTD as of 9-8-2024	\$65,119.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 9-8-2024	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$12,115.44
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-8-2024	\$2,327.00
Kirk Receipts 9-1-24 to 9-7-24	\$2,675.49
Mission giving week of 9-8-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-8-2024	\$846.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-8-2024	\$1,485.80

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

SUNDAY September 15	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Back to Fall Brunch
MONDAY September 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY September 18	7:30 am Men’s Bible Study 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm MWS Meeting 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY September 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY September 21	<i>Presbytery Assembly in Bovina</i> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY September 22	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party