



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"The Greatest of These Is Love." 1 Corinthians 13:13*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Church Life Notes**

### **Introit**

*"He is Exalted"*

### **\*Call to Worship (Psalm 54:1-5)**

Leader: Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.

**People: Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.**

Leader: Arrogant foes are attacking me; ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God.

**People: Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.**

**Unison: Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them.**

### **\*Hymn**

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

**#833**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Precious Lord, Your love defines what can be and what we sometimes live out in our relationships. It is the assurance of our place in your household now and forever. By Your Spirit dwelling in our hearts, let us know what the prophet Ezekiel understood; you give us a new heart. So continue to call us forward, help us to understand your forgiveness. In the freedom of the Gospel may we return when we need to and celebrate when we can. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

**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

**Anthem**

*"Be Still"*

by Marroli

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Your love never fails. By Your Spirit, may we hear, understand, embrace and live Your love with each other and anticipate the day in which we are welcomed in Your Home forever. In Christ's Name, Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 11:18-20**

Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### **Gospel Reading – Mark 9:30-37**

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Take My Life"*

**#697**

### **Message Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:8-13**

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*"The Greatest of These"*

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**

Dear Father in Heaven, You give us the vision of a world in which differences are simply ways that we compete with one another. When the proper order is reestablished, we will live in the unity of your presence, singing songs before your throne. May our gifts and our lives be a foretaste of that joy for those around us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"*

**#729**

## **\*Charge to the Congregation**

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Do not judge others, we do not know the battles they face. Love and be kind, for it costs nothing."* —Henrietta Newton Martin

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Trustee Art Maxwell, Liturgist

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# First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York September 22, 2024

Welcome to worship in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen.

*(Prayer)* Hear our prayer, O God; listen to the words of our mouths... We will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

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).

Today (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.

**Blessing of the Pets** - Do you have a pet you love? Bring them to be blessed and remember that God created them too and gave you the ability to love them. We will begin at 2 PM Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, in front of the church. This will happen rain or shine. Please park in the street. We will have someone there to let you know when to get out of the car. If you have a dog, please have the dog on a leash. If you have a cat or small furry or feathered thing, please have them in a carrier. You will be asked to fill out a card with the pet owner's first name and the name of the pet. We look forward to seeing you and meeting your favorite animal. God Bless!

**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 Cullen LaFever and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 29 are Harry Bell and Kathy Beveridge.

**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 anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* Mark 9:35. Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words *sacer* (sacred) and *facere* (to make). In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That through our service and sacrifice we may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know his love as well.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-15-2024</i>	44 - 41 in sanctuary + approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 9-15-2024	\$1,582.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$65,085.96
General amount given YTD as of 9-15-2024	\$66,701.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 9-15-2024	\$120.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$12,451.98
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-15-2024	\$2,447.00
Kirk Receipts 9-8-24 to 9-14-24	\$2,091.00
Mission giving week of 9-15-2024	\$120.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-15-2024	\$966.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-15-2024	\$1,485.80

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>September 22</b>	<b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>September 23</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>September 24</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>September 25</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b> <b>4:00 pm Kirk Meeting</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>September 26</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>September 27</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>September 28</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>September 29</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 am Combined Worship at Bovina United Presbyterian</b> <b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party Rain Date</b>