

Introit – Bell Choir

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"(Love) rejoices with the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:6b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. by Osman

*Call to Worship (Psalm 125)

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Leader: The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

Unison: Lord, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. But those who turn to crooked ways the Lord will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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Prayer of Confession

Dear Father in Heaven, the media creators understand us too well. They tempt us with pleasure. They tempt us with bad news. They tempt us with resentment. They tempt us with everything dark. But our first love is with You—You whose love frees, heals and strengthens. When we give into the temptation to delight in what's wrong with others, bring us back. We want to be healers and encouragers. We want to follow You. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Choral Response

"Gloria Patri"

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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 – Choir

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Report from PNC

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 – Proverbs 22:1-2

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the Maker of them all.

Gospel Reading – Mark 7:24-30

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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

*Hymn

"This is My Father's World"

Message Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:6

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

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

Sermon

"Love Does Not and Does"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

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

Offertory

*Choral Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

We are so grateful for this week's gifts. You overwhelm us with Your love. As we remember You, open our eyes and our hearts. So receive these, our gifts, and bless Your world through them. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

by Strathdee

*Closing Hymn

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

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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 Elder Susie Little, Liturgist

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What a glorious day as we return to our Fall schedule! Welcome to worship and fellowship today!

(Prayer) Isaiah declares: "Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God." May we sense your nearness, Lord, so our anxieties may be stilled.

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).

Now that preschool has started again, **Darcy will be back in the office on Tuesdays** from 9 to 11:30, in addition to the office hours he has been keeping through the summer.

Sunday, September 15 is the start of **Sunday School**! To celebrate gearing up for fall, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Back to Fall Brunch** after church in the Chapel. Come dine and socialize as we prepare our hearts and our schedules back into the routine of Fall.

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

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 <u>https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering</u> 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 Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 15 are Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell.

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 "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5. What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance	39 - 35 in sanctuary +
Sunday 9-1-2024	approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week \$1,7	
General amount given week of 9-1-2024	\$1,983.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$61,567.80
General amount given YTD as of 9-1-2024	\$64,357.05
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 9-1-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$11,778.90
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-1-2024	\$2,227.00
Kirk Receipts 8-25-24 to 8-31-24	\$1,803.93
Mission giving week of 9-1-2024	\$30.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-1-2024	\$841.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-1-2024	\$1,485.80

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

SUNDAY	9:30 am Deacons Meeting	
September 8	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal	
	10:30 am Worship	
MONDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations	
September 9	9:00 am Kirk Work Day	
TUESDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations	
September 10		
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations	
September 11	10:30 am Gentle Yoga	
	5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	
THURSDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations	
September 12	9:00 am Kirk Work Day	
FRIDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations	
September 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open	
	10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open	
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