



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Holy Communion & Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Matthew 25:21*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

*"God Is So Good"*

#### \*Call to Worship (Psalm 147:1-6)

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

**Unison: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.**

#### \*Hymn

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Dear God, companion and guide, there is much I would like to do. I think of ways to reach out, to encourage, to show how much I value this-or-that person. But actually doing them is sometimes a struggle. Will they understand? Am I reading things the right way? What if they get some sort of wrong impression? And so it goes. I am kinder in my heart and my imagination than I am in how I act. Free me to use the thoughts I have that reflect who you are, and forgive me when I don't. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. (Psalm 28:6-7a)

**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**

*“Grant Us Peace”*

by Perry

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Wise Father, by Your Spirit may we truly hear the call of Your dear son in our lives. In hearing, may we also do Your love. In Christ’s Name, Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

### **Epistle Reading – Hebrews 7:23-27**

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message Reading – Matthew 25:14-30**

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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”*

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

You have given us new hope, light in our lives and a future to embrace and hold dear during our daily walk. Bless our gifts and our lives as we bless those around us. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Communion Hymn**

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

**#525**

**\*Invitation**

**\*Affirmation of Faith – 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer**

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

**Words of Institution**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Distribution**

*Those taking communion are asked to hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing our unity in the Spirit of Christ, then to drink individually the cup, symbolizing our personal commitment to Christ.*

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**#187**

**\*Charge to the Congregation**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” —Corrie Ten Boom*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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# First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York  
November 3, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian! Together with the faithful of every time and place, let us worship God.

*(Prayer)* We love you, God, with all our hearts and souls and might. Help us keep your words in our hearts always.

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).

On Saturday, November 23 there will be a **Memorial Fundraiser Breakfast** at the Delhi American Legion to support the family of Sarah Rickrode. Breakfast will be available from 8 to 12 (or until the food is gone), by free-will donation. There will also be a basket raffle all day, with the drawing at 3:00.

**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 Harry Bell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 10 are Ed Goff and Tom Leo.

**The Nov-Dec 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** *“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33).* Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one he wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in ministry and contributing money to support our church missions is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how he is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we are generous with our visible gifts of charitable works and generous giving, but that we are more generous with our invisible gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-27-2024</i>	48 - 43 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 10-27-2024	\$1,509.80
General amount needed year-to-date	\$75,640.44
General amount given YTD as of 10-27-2024	\$78,151.66
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 10-27-2024	\$232.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$14,471.22
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-27-2024	\$2,889.00
Kirk Receipts 10-20-24 to 10-26-24	\$2,315.46
Mission giving week of 10-27-2024	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 10-27-2024	\$1,031.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-27-2024	\$1,869.50

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

<b>SUNDAY November 3</b>	<b><i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></b> <b>9:30 am Deacons Meeting</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b>
<b>MONDAY November 4</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>5:30 pm Session Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY November 5</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY November 6</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir</b>
<b>THURSDAY November 7</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY November 8</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 November 9</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY November 10</b>	<b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b>