



**The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

"...in all circumstances..." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 93:1-5)**

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

People: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Unison: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

***Hymn**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God and our Redeemer, we are Your grateful people when we stop to remember who You are, how You have blessed us, and the wonder of the provision You have made for our lives. So, it is only natural for us to return thanks and praise You for who You are. Except—and it is a big except—we don't always remember to remember. We get busy. We get distracted. We get anxious and we get overwhelmed. We have lots of things that get in the way. So call us back. Especially this Thanksgiving, help us to remember why we smile and why we are delighted. And be a part of our laughter. Do help us see one another. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives [transgression]? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. (*Micah 7:18*)

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 (Feel free to greet your neighbor)**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem – Bell Choir

“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”

arr. by Moklebust

Prayer for Illumination

We know that we are not so great at grasping what You have to say to us, so by the power of Your Spirit, open our eyes. Give us light so we can clearly see Your Truth. Warm our hearts and fill us with gratitude. You are indeed the Faithful Lord. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Gospel Reading – John 18:33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

“We Gather Together”

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Message Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Give Thanks in All Circumstances”

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**

May our gifts be given in a way that is acceptable to You: gifts of gratitude, of thanksgiving and of joy. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"Be Thou My Vision"* **#450**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; forty years learning he was nobody; and forty years discovering what God can do with a nobody."* —D.L. Moody

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Bessie Tyrrell, Liturgist

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Today we celebrate Christ the King, who declared to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.” May we be open to his countercultural rule. Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) The busy holiday season is nearly upon us. During this service, God, help us focus on your goodness, peace and love—the heart of all the upcoming celebration.

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).

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of **Dr. Howard Dickson** from his family.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Delhi Fire Hall on Thanksgiving Day from 12pm to 3pm. We still need **volunteers** to cook 1 turkey, provide 4 pies, and to provide 2-dozen cookies. Please use the sign-up sheet in the new narthex if you are planning to contribute!

Today 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 December 1 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 *“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)* Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for his guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we help build God’s kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God’s eternal kingdom.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-17-2024</i>	48 - 44 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 11-17-2024	\$1,721.31
General amount needed year-to-date	\$80,917.68
General amount given YTD as of 11-17-2024	\$83,132.63
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 11-17-2024	\$25.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$15,480.84
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-17-2024	\$2,939.00
Kirk Receipts 11-17-24 to 11-16-24	\$2,639.80
Mission giving week of 11-17-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-17-2024	\$1,176.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-17-2024	\$1,969.50

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

SUNDAY November 24	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (Delhi Community Church)
MONDAY November 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY November 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY November 27	10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY November 28	<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day</i> 12:00pm - 3:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner
FRIDAY November 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
SATURDAY November 30	9:00 am Hanging of the Greens 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY December 1	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion