



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

August 24, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem." Hebrews 12:22

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 71:1-6)**

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame:

People: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

Leader: For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

Unison: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

***Hymn**

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

#825

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, You are the beginning and the end, the creator of what is and the one who makes some things continue from generation to generation. We love You and seek to build our lives on what lasts forever. And for the moments we do just this, we give You thanks. And when we turn from the Everlasting, show us the way back. Forgive us for the harm we do. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 6:23)*

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

#581

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

You are shaking the foundations and what is old is passing away. The new is rising. Help us to build new on the foundation of what is coming into being. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 58:9b-12

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"I Danced in the Morning"

#157

Message Reading – Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Stand on What Cannot Be Shaken"

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**

We come to you, O Lord. We sing and we consider and we reflect on what You have done through us. We ask for Your Blessing on these, our gifts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

#326

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from himself because it is not there. There is no such thing."* —C.S. Lewis

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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Welcome! We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen.

(Prayer) Sometimes we feel like young Jeremiah—clueless about how to share your message, God. May something in worship today touch our spirits so we can speak naturally to someone about your love.

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 deadline for newsletter submissions is Monday, August 25. If you have anything for the September-October Courier, please get it to Darcy by tomorrow!

Our **Cambodian giving** last week helped 100 families (around 500 people), which is double what they were hoping to provide! Thanks to those who contributed!

Our August mission is the School Supply Drive! For the full list of items needed, see the final page in the Church Life or pick up a copy of the list in the New Narthex. Please have all items to the office by Tuesday, September 2nd. Thank you for your help with this mission!

Next Sunday, August 31, worship will be a combined service at Cabin Hill Presbyterian in Andes at 9:30. We will be having a dish-to-pass luncheon following the service.

Choir will begin again on Sunday, September 7 at 9:45am.

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 Tom Leo and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 31 are Tom Little and Joe Cantwell.

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: *“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” (Luke 13:30)* Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” how will you respond?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That through our good stewardship, we may build up God’s kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God’s eternal banquet.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2025 has been set at \$49.29 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-10-2025</i>	26 - 22 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 8-10-2025	\$630.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$55,539.84
General amount given YTD as of 8-10-2025	\$56,383.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 8-10-2025	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,153.92
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-10-2025	\$1,655.36
Kirk Receipts 8-3-25 to 8-9-25	\$1,694.32
Mission giving week of 8-10-2025	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-10-2025	\$602.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-10-2025	\$1,264.51

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-17-2025</i>	42 - 38 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 8-17-2025	\$1,180.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$57,275.46
General amount given YTD as of 8-17-2025	\$57,563.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 8-17-2025	\$13.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,221.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-17-2025	\$1,668.36
Kirk Receipts 8-10-25 to 8-16-25	<i>Closed for weekend</i>
Mission giving week of 8-17-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-17-2025	\$607.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-17-2025	\$1,264.51

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

SUNDAY August 24	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship
MONDAY August 25	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY August 26	4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY August 27	10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY August 28	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY August 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY August 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
SUNDAY August 31	9:30 am Combined Worship at Cabin Hill Presbyterian

Our August mission focus is the School Supply Drive!

- School Supply Drive Items Needed -

- 1. Fine point Expo black dry erase markers**
- 2. Fiskars scissors**
- 3. Elmer's glue sticks**
- 4. Pink Pearl erasers**
- 5. #2 pencils**
- 6. 24 count Crayola crayons**
- 7. 8 count colored pencils**
- 8. 10 count Crayola broadline classic colors markers**
- 9. Pocket folders with center prongs - solid colors**
- 10. Small pencil sharpeners**
- 11. Composition notebooks**
- 12. Highlighters**
- 13. Fine point black Sharpie markers**

It would also be wonderful to receive snack donations for our kindergartners (individual snack packs of Goldfish, graham crackers, etc.). Many of our kindergartners are not sent to school with a snack, so teachers and administrators often buy snacks out of their own pockets so each student has something.