

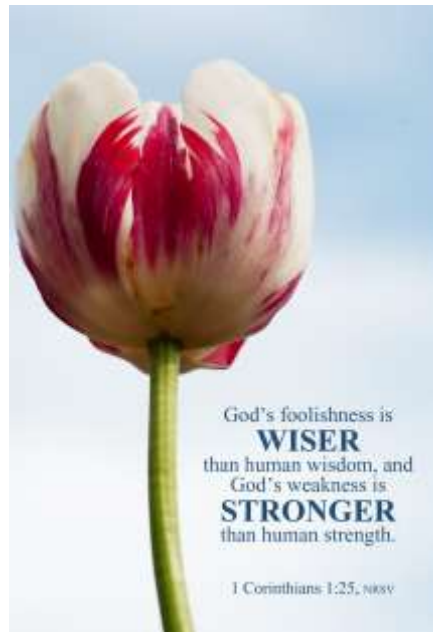
First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Where is the wise person?" 1 Corinthians 1:20a



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 15*)

Leader: O Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?

People: He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart;

Leader: who does not slander with his tongue, and does no evil to his friend, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;

People: in whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Unison: who does not put out his money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

***Hymn**

"As the Deer"

#626

Prayer of Confession

Lord, I really do understand that there is a difference between the world I want to believe I live in and the world I actually do. But some things are hard for me to look at. I know from experience, though, that if I don't see what is, I cannot service either myself or You. So when I turn a blind eye, turn me around so I am pointed in the right direction. When I get it right, whisper good things into my ear. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? (*Romans 8:31b*)

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

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

We just cannot see what You want us to see without relying on Your Spirit within us. So open our ears to the voice within that speaks truth, and the power without that turns on the lights for us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Numbers 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* #835

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Where is the Wise Person?"* Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Choral Response *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #606

*Prayer of Dedication

How is it that You know what gift to give us? How is it that we know what gift to give in return? Well, our gift always includes gratitude. So here we are, Your grateful givers. Bless our money, our time and our hearts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"* #187

*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: *"If you can trust God to save you for eternity, you can trust him to lead you for a lifetime."* —David Platt

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

John Nealis, Liturgist

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(Our Mission Statement)*



First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York September 14, 2025

Welcome, friends — new and familiar! The psalmist reminds us: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” May our hearts be open today to God’s presence, peace, and purpose.

(Prayer) You are the Good Shepherd, Lord — you lead, protect, and restore. As we enter worship, guide our hearts back to your peace.

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).

Bell practice returns today (September 14) after Coffee Hour. Come join us! We will have a tutorial for anyone interested in learning to ring the bells.



We are having a Neighborhood Party here at the church on today (September 14) from 3pm to 6pm. Everyone in the congregation is invited! There will be games, a scavenger hunt, a bounce house and music! Bring a dish to pass... hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided!

The fourth 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 Kevin Lee and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 21 are Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell.

The **September-October 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: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.*” (John 3:16) God created us to be in relationship with him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we have the courage to joyfully live our faith when things get tough.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-7-2025	71 - 68 in sanctuary + approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 9-7-2025	\$1,660.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$62,482.32
General amount given YTD as of 9-7-2025	\$62,322.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 9-7-2025	\$5.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,423.16
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-7-2025	\$1,743.36
Kirk Receipts 8-31-25 to 9-6-25	\$2,705.07
Mission giving week of 9-7-2025	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-7-2025	\$727.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-7-2025	\$1,314.51

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



NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

**Join us in the church's back yard
Sunday, Sept 14 from 3pm to 6pm!**

Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair! We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, games, a Bounce House and music!

Scavenger Hunt from 4:30 to 5:00!

For more information, please talk to: Kevin Lee, Pastor
Jamie, Jackie Clark or Joe Greenfield.

- Rain Date is Sept 21 -

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SUNDAY September 14	9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Neighborhood Party
MONDAY September 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY September 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:00 am Carpets being cleaned in Manse and Church 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY September 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY September 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
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