

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Keep me safe, my Lord, for in you I take refuge." Psalm 16:1



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This is the Day"

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Listen to my words Lord, consider my lament.

People: Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Leader: In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

People: For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.

Unison: Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous, you surround them with your favor as with a shield: Praise the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#39

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have often pursued wealth and comfort more than treasures in Heaven. We have failed to live out your call for generous compassion and justice, and we have often chosen pride and comfort over reconciliation and healing. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we extended the grace you freely offer to us. We have been slow to seek justice for the oppressed and quick to build walls instead of bridges. Forgive us, O God, for our failures. Help us to live as people marked by your peace, so that no one misses your Grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, who showed us the way. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the words of Scripture: "The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. The Lord is faithful to his words and gracious in all his deeds.

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 *“Hymn of Promise”* by Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for faithfulness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 15:1-10

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 9:1-10

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“Staying the Course Through Faith”* Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* **#438**

***Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism**

Leader: Why did God make you and all things?

People: For his own glory.

Leader: How can you glorify God?

People: By loving and doing what he commands.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Leader: Let us now present our gifts. O God, we give in humble thanks. Bless these gifts that we may be a Church that lives in generosity. Amen.

All: The Lord will always provide.

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, God of all, accept our gifts and offerings this day, but also the offering of our lives. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *“How Firm a Foundation”* **#463**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *“Faith does not eliminate questions but Faith shows where to take them.” —Elisabeth Elliot*

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Joe Weaver, Liturgist



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Come as you are — weary or joyful, hopeful or unsure. Here, in God’s house, we are met with grace. May worship today draw us closer to the heart of Jesus and the peace of God’s presence.

(Prayer) Jesus, you welcomed the little children. Help us come to you today with childlike faith — curious, honest, and ready to receive 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 FLOWERS today are given in memory of **Evelyn Dickson**, from her children and grandchildren.

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 Joe Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on October 5 are Tom Leo 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: *“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” (Luke 16:25-26)* When God created the world he declared that it was good and he gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That our eyes may be open to the needs around us, and our hands and hearts may be open to sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-21-2025</i>	30 - 28 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 9-21-2025	\$701.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$65,953.56
General amount given YTD as of 9-21-2025	\$65,068.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 9-21-2025	\$30.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,557.78
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-21-2025	\$1,903.36
Kirk Receipts 9-14-25 to 9-20-25	\$2,166.60
Mission giving week of 9-21-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 9-21-2025	\$822.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-21-2025	\$1,314.51

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



10:30 am Worship
In the Sanctuary
& on YouTube



Sunday Mornings
Contact the church office for details

All are Welcome!



The Kirk Thrift Shoppe

A Mission of First Presbyterian Church
4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY - www.fpcdelhi.org
Fridays & Saturdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Accepting donations in the bins by the elevator entrance.

To keep abreast of sales events, "Like" our Facebook page
 We welcome volunteers to help with sorting, pricing, assisting shoppers during store hours and more!



JOIN US FOR
Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am!

SUNDAY September 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY September 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 30	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY October 1	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY October 2	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 3	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 October 4	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY October 5	9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion

*First Presbyterian Church actively exists as the living body of Christ, committed to growing in faithfulness to God, serving the whole human family and welcoming all people into God’s love.
(Our Mission Statement)*