

# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

#### **Holy Communion & Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

"...first sit down and count the cost..." Luke 14:28

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit** "This is the Day"

\*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

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

#43

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Dear Lord, our brother and our friend, we come to You knowing that our love for You is strong, but the habits of a lifetime are also strong. So we thank You for Your help in coming to new insights and starting on new paths. When we fall back, help us to resume our walk with You. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:50)

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** 

"This Little Light of Mine"

## **Baptism of Kai Stephan Gashi**

#### **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.

#### **Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2**

"And now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you. You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it; that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### Message Reading - Luke 14:25-33

Now great multitudes accompanied him; and he turned and said to them, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Leader: God's Word for Today. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon "Count the Cost" Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## **Presentation of Gifts & Offerings**

## Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <a href="https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering">https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering</a> or by USPS mail service.

## 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.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

## \*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.

**Holy Communion** 

#### \*Communion Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#525

\*Invitation

## **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

"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"

#824

\*Benediction

**Postlude** 

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**Thought for the Day**: "Through hard work, perseverance and a faith in God, you can live your dreams."

— Ben Carson

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

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## First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York
September 7, 2025

Welcome to worship! Today, we give thanks for the grandparents and elders who have helped shape our faith and guide our steps. Like Timothy, who learned from Lois and Eunice, may we honor the ones who planted seeds of faith in us.

(Prayer) Thank you, God, for the gift of grandparents and spiritual mentors — for their steady love and faith passed down through generations. Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live.

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 on Sunday, 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 Sunday, 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 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 <a href="https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering">https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering</a> 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 Kathy Beveridge and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 14 are Kevin Lee and Tom Leo.

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:** "Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33) When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-31-2025	17 - in Andes
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 8-31-2025	\$1,284.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$60,746.70
General amount given YTD as of 8-31-2025	\$60,662.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 8-31-2025	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,355.85
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-31-2025	\$1,738.36
Kirk Receipts 8-24-25 to 8-30-25	\$2,367.08
Mission giving week of 8-31-2025	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-31-2025	\$727.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-31-2025	\$1,314.51

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

SUNDAY	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
September 7	10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
September 8	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
September 9	4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
September 10	10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
September 11	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
September 12	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
	10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
September 13	10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY	9:30 am Sunday School
September 14	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