

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

November 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him."
Colossians 1:19*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This is My Father's World"

***Call to Worship (Jeremiah 23:4-6)**

Leader: I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

People: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

Unison: In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

***Hymn**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

#452

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word 'holiday' is actually comprised of two words: 'holy' and 'day.' Forgive us when we treat the 'holiday' as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings You have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love You have given to us and about the joy of serving You by helping others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you.

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 *“Homeward Bound”* arr. by Althouse

Time for Small Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, our God and our Redeemer, we open Your Word with the request that Your Spirit guide our hearing. These are the Words of Life, so we are eager to understand and to live them. Help us to be grateful for Your presence in this place and in our hearts. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 26

Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites. I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, Lord, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells. Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty, in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me. My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* #367

Message Reading – Colossians 1:11-20

...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things

hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“God Was Pleased”* 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

Lord Jesus, we receive abundance from Your hand, and we present a portion of that abundance for Your worship. Be present as we share with others this Thanksgiving. We join with so many others to ensure that all Your people may be provided for. May Your blessing be revealed to everyone. We pray this in Your name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn *“Give Thanks”* #647

*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: *“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” —C.S. Lewis*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist



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It is only right that we should express our unlimited gratitude to God on this Sunday before Thanksgiving. We rejoice in your presence. Let us joyfully praise God through prayer, song and reflection on the Word.

(Prayer) As we gather in this season of gratitude, let us pause and reflect on God's goodness. May our hearts be still, our minds be focused and our worship be filled with thanksgiving to the One who provides all we need.

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).

Our **November mission** is to provide college students and active military with care packages. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please mark your checks or put donations in the mission envelopes.

We are having the **Community Thanksgiving Service** here in the Chapel this afternoon (Sunday, November 23) at 4:00pm.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is being held at the Delhi Fire Hall from 12:00-3:00 pm Thanksgiving Day.

Worship on Sunday, November 30 will be a **combined service at Andes Presbyterian** at 11:00am.

The fellowship committee invites you to a special **concert by Trio Demeter Momentum** on December 7 at 4pm in the sanctuary to benefit the Little Delaware Youth Ensemble. The concert will be followed by a **Christmas Hors d'oeuvres and Mocktails Party** in the chapel.

Every Sunday in November 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 November 30 are Alex Cantwell and Ed Chytalo.

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: *"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)* God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let him in!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-16-2025</i>	50 - 44 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 11-16-2025	\$1,564.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$79,838.52
General amount given YTD as of 11-16-2025	\$77,290.67
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 11-16-2025	\$10.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,096.26
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-16-2025	\$2,263.36
Kirk Receipts 11-9-25 to 11-15-25	\$2,284.10
Mission giving week of 11-16-2025	\$92.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-16-2025	\$949.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-16-2025	\$1,708.51

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

Dear Friends,

Sunday School at FPC is growing, and we would like to invite you to join us on November 23rd and December 7th, 14th and 21st. We have a Primary class for pre-school to second grade and a Junior class for third grade through 14 years old.

We have an exciting Fall planned and hope that you can join us from 9:30am to 10:20am. We are looking forward to seeing you in our class! If you have any questions, please call the church office at (607) 746-2155.

The Christian Education Committee



SUNDAY November 23	<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 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service
MONDAY November 24	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study
TUESDAY November 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY November 26	10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY November 27	<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i> 12:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner
FRIDAY November 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY November 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
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(Our Mission Statement)*