

**First Presbyterian Church  
Delhi, New York**

**July 12, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

*"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop." Matthew 13:8a*



**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit – Bell Choir**

*"Joyful, Joyful!"*

arr. by Stephenson

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 119:105-109)**

Leader: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**People: I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.**

Leader: I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

**People: Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.**

**Unison: Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet" (sing twice)*

**#458**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, as we hear the Parable of the Sower, we are reminded of the waste of trying to figure everything out before we start. If farmers did not trust the seed to multiply many times over, if farmers thought they had to find all the good soil and avoid every weed, stone, path or dry place, they would never get the crop planted. We confess that we would rather think about how to serve You than then take the risk of service. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you... (*Colossians 3:13*)

**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 – Bell Choir**    *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*    arr. by Sherman

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord Jesus, Teacher of teachers, thank You for empowering us to know and grow in wisdom and truth. You challenge us and stretch us and open us. We bless You for Your patience and welcome. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 55:12-13**

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**                    *“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”*                    **#728**

### **Message Reading – Matthew 13:1-9**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                    *“Whose Hands”*                    Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

*In English we say, “My life is in your hands.” This is a Bible expression. It means, “I really trust you.” The author of today’s opening Psalm is saying, “I worry every time I try to trust myself and not God. Thank God I can always return to trusting him.” Do you worry? Whose hands are you trusting?*

## 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**

**Heavenly Father, everything we have comes from You. As we give today, we do so with thankful hearts. Bless these offerings and use them to further Your work in our church and community. In Christ’s Name, Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**                    *“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”*                    **#366**

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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*\*You may stand*

**Thought for the Day:** *“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”*  
—Corrie Ten Boom

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist



**First Presbyterian Church**  
of Delhi, New York  
**July 12, 2026**

We welcome all who have come to glorify God in worship. May our hearts reach out to God and to one another in love. We are glad you are here.

*(Prayer)* Enable us to keep our minds and hearts focused on you, O Lord. Make us alert and aware of your loving presence among us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering>, or by regular mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

**Darcy's new office hours are 9am to 2pm, Monday through Thursday.**



**A CALL** has been issued by the Session for a Special Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held virtually and in person immediately following worship on Sunday, **July 26, 2026**. The purpose of the meeting will be to install George Thompson as a Deacon—to complete Linda DeWitt's term—and anyone else willing to answer the call to serve as a Deacon. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.

We are having a **Send-Off Party for Jamie & Bessie** on Saturday, August 1 at 4:30 at the Maxwell Farm. Brooks' chicken and drinks will be provided – please bring a dish to share!

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Delaware County is having a **parade right here in Delhi to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. First Pres is going to have a float! If you are interested in riding on the float, or decorating the float, please call Susie at (607) 644-4983.

**The Deacons will not be hosting coffee hour on August 9.** If anyone wants to step in and host that day, they are welcome to sign up!

**Jamie and Bessie's new address in Kentucky** will be:

Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell  
704 Indian Ridge Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40207

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 Tom Little and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on July 19 are Art Maxwell and Alex Cantwell.

The **July-August 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:** *"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."* (Matthew 13:22) Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at worship every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of his gifts to help build his kingdom of earth.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2026 has been set at \$50.51 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 7-5-2026</i>	41 - 35 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 7-5-2026	\$840.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$38,688.30
General amount given YTD as of 7-5-2026	\$42,344.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 7-5-2026	\$5.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$10,384.74
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-5-2026	\$1,670.00
Kirk Receipts 6-28-26 to 7-4-26 ( <i>closed for holiday</i> )	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 7-5-2026	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 7-5-2026	\$345.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 7-5-2026	\$1,207.12

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



# You are invited to the “Send-Off”

Come join us in wishing Pastor Jamie and Bessie nothing but the best as they close this chapter of their lives and begin the next!

4:30 on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

at

The Maxwell Farm, 21287 St. Hwy 28

Brooks' BBQ chicken, drinks and table service will be provided.  
Please bring a dish to share!

Rain Location: Delhi Masonic Lodge Hall, Meredith St.



<b>SUNDAY</b> July 12	<b>9:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Virtual)</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> July 13	<b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> July 14	<b>4:30 pm PNC Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> July 15	<b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b> <b>6:00 pm Trustees Meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm CE Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 16	<b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 17	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 18	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> July 19	<b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Virtual)</b>

*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)*