

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

September 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" Luke 16:31



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"You Are My All in All"

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we pray.

People: We find our shelter and our rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Leader: Praise the Holy One, O My Soul! We will sing praises to our God our whole lives long.

People: We put our trust not in the uncertainties of the world, but in the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness and grateful hearts;

All: let us praise God together! Amen.

***Hymn**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#525

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we live by our own strength. We do not always listen to the Holy Spirit. We let fear stop us from speaking your truth. We build walls instead of bridges in our communities. We keep your love to ourselves. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We worship today in the name of God the Father. We praise our Creator God. In the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, we pray this day for the Spirit of the Almighty on this season of Pentecost. Amen.

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

"Let God Love You"

by Turner

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

And when Joseph’s brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, so shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

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

*Hymn *“It Is Well with My Soul”* #840

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him,

They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“How Will We Be Judged?”* Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Leader: Let us give back to God with a joyful heart. All things come from God, and of God’s own do we give back.

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Spirit of the Living God, we come with open hearts. You filled the early disciples with fire, courage and a new song. We offer our hands, our time and our gifts to your service. Take our tithes and our talents. Set our hearts ablaze with your love. Let us be messengers of peace and healing grace. Renew the earth through your faithful witness. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* #286

*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: *“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” —Mother Theresa*

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

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER!



Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
12pm-3pm

First Presbyterian Church
4 Clinton Street Delhi, NY

- Brooks BBQ Chicken lunch
- Children's games and activities
- Blessing of the animals at 2pm

Help the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School students raise money for the Heifer International animal giving program.

On a mission to end hunger and poverty



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It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Prayer) With eagerness we approach you, O God. We join with all who love and serve you. We offer ourselves to be your people, ready to let your light shine upon us and through us. In Jesus' name. 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).

Bell choir is looking for 2-4 more ringers. First-time ringers welcome! We practice after church on Sundays starting this week. Let Billy know if you're interested.

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 Art Maxwell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 20 are Ed Goff and Alex Cantwell.

The **Chancel Guild** volunteer for September is Gia Cantwell.

The **Sept-Oct 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 if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:8)* This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask him how he is calling you to the live the life that he intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-6-2026	35 - 25 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 9-6-2026	\$482.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$51,584.40
General amount given YTD as of 9-6-2026	\$50,791.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 9-6-2026	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$13,846.32
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-6-2026	\$2,472.00
Kirk Receipts 8-31-26 to 9-5-26	\$2,127.57
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 9-6-2026	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 9-6-2026	\$395.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-6-2026	\$1,274.12

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

SUNDAY September 13	9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Deacons Meeting 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY September 14	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY September 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:30 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY September 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY September 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY September 19	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY September 20	9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

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)