

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart."

Psalm 119:33-34



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 119:35-40*)

Leader: Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

People: Turn my eyes away from worthless things, preserve my life according to your word.

Leader: Fulfill your promises to your servant, so that you may be feared.

People: Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

Unison: How I long for your precepts, in your righteousness preserve my life.

***Hymn**

"I Long for Your Commandments"

#64

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we are your people. We are your hands upon the earth. You have equipped us to be a part of the solution. And you have poured blessings into our lives. We rejoice. But we resist you in some ways. Our thoughts are a bit upside down. So restore us to our right minds. Forgive us our sins and renew our spirits. In Christ's Name – Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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

Interlude

Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-11

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, “You wicked person, you will surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. Son of man, say to the Israelites, “This is what you are saying; “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.” Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn *“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”* #663

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:15-20

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Elder Tammi Tully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Leader: God gives us many blessings & we are grateful. Let us come together with our gifts of tithes & offerings.

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

You have given us all to sustain life. You have given us all to build a future. We give back in gratitude asking for your blessing on these gifts and our lives. May people be built up. In Christ’s Name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

If you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are welcome to join us in Communion.

Communion Hymn *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* #347

*Invitation

*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.

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

Leader: Thank You, Lord, for nourishing our souls through this holy Communion.
May Your presence remain with us, guiding our thoughts, words, and deeds.
Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"For All the Saints"

#326

*Benediction

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."* —Frederick Douglass

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist



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Welcome, friends! On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace.

(Prayer) O Lord, may our hearts not be hardened, our ears not deaf, our minds not wandering as we strive to worship you in spirit and in truth. 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).

Our current mission focus is the School Supply Drive. We will be collecting items until Sept 8. Needed items are: Fine point Expo black dry erase markers, Fiskars kids scissors, Elmer's glue sticks, pink Pearl erasers, #2 pencils, 24-count Crayola crayons, 12-count Crayola colored pencils, 10-count Crayola markers and plastic 2-pocket folders.

Bell choir is looking for 2-4 more ringers. First-time ringers welcome! We practice after church on Sundays starting September 13. **Choir starts again on September 13** with rehearsal at 9:15am. New singers welcome! 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 Kathy Beveridge and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 13 are Art Maxwell and Tom Leo.

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: “You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7) Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.

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

Attendance (in Bovina) Sunday 8-30-2026	20
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 8-30-2026	\$450.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$50,151.50
General amount given YTD as of 8-30-2026	\$50,309.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 8-30-2026	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$13,461.70
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-30-2026	\$2,372.00
Kirk Receipts 8-23-26 to 8-29-26	\$2,506.85
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 8-30-2026	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 8-30-2026	\$395.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-30-2026	\$1,274.12

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

SUNDAY September 6	10:00 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY September 7	9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study
TUESDAY September 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY September 9	Darcy Away 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 3:45 pm PNC Meeting 6:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 pm CE Heifer Meeting
THURSDAY September 10	Darcy Away 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 11	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 12	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
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

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)