

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

October 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

"In the beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth." Genesis 1:1

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all Amen." Revelation 22:21



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This Little Light of Mine"

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 91)**

Leader: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the most high will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress.

Leader: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and the deadly pestilence.

People: He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver and honor him.

Unison: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

#839

Prayer of Confession

In my life, I have been impatient and have sometimes lost my temper. I have gossiped even though I know better. For those and other sins, I reach out to you this morning asking for forgiveness. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, your old selves have been crucified with Christ, and you will be reunited with him in the resurrection. Your sins are forgiven. Walk in newness of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

***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

"One Step He Leads"

by Choplin

Time for Small Disciples – Rainbow Bells

Recognition of Long-Term Members

Prayer for Illumination

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

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 32:2-14

So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord.” And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.” But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

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

***Hymn** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* **#39**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon *“Many Are Invited, But Few Are Chosen”* **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**
O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we have received so much: We ask you to accept these tithes and offerings of your people. Bless these gifts, that they will advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

*Closing Hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #275

*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

Leading us in worship this morning:
Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Art Maxwell, Liturgist

– Proposed changes to bylaws –

(**Bold** indicates a change, **highlighted items** will be removed)

The congregation shall elect at most **six (6)** ruling elders divided into two equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at a congregational meeting for a two-year term. **No ruling elder shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six (6) years. A ruling elder having served a total of six (6) years shall be ineligible for reelection to the Session for a period of at least one year.**

The congregation shall elect at most **six (6)** Deacons divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. **No Deacon shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six (6) years. A Deacon having served a total of six (6) years shall be ineligible for reelection to the board of Deacons for a period of at least one year.**

The congregation shall elect at most nine (9) Trustees divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. **No Trustee shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six (6) years. A Trustee having served a total of six (6) years shall be ineligible for reelection to the board of Trustees for a period of at least one year.**



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of Delhi, New York

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Today is Reformation Sunday, a day to remember with gratitude those who called the church back to God’s Word and the good news of salvation through faith in Christ. We rejoice in the freedom, grace and hope we have in Jesus and welcome all who have gathered to worship him.

(Prayer) Open our hearts to your Word, O Lord, and renew our faith by your truth. May we worship with grateful spirits and follow Christ with courage, humility and joy. 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).

The following **MEMBERS** will be **RECOGNIZED** during the church service today for milestone years of membership in the First Presbyterian Church family. We celebrate their years of faithfulness and service!

50 years:	55 years:	65 years:	70 years:	75 years:
Jeff Maxwell	Rusty Maxwell	Anne McCall	Everett Bolles	Genevieve McKee

The newsletter deadline is Monday, Oct 26. If you have anything for the Nov-Dec Courier, please get it to Darcy by tomorrow!



A **CALL** has been issued by the Session for a Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, **November 1, 2026**. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve changes to the church bylaws (*proposed changes on previous page*) and to elect Susie Little to the PNC. No other business may come before the Congregation at that time.

Today is a **BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY**. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts non-perishable food items. You can also donate via fpcdelhi.org/content/offering or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

The **Elder on Call** for the coming week is Kevin Lee.

The **Trustees** responsible for counting today are Joe Cantwell and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 1 are Ed Chytalo and Tom Little.

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

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 shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)* Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-18-2026</i>	49 - 43 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 10-18-2026	\$2,473.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$60,181.80
General amount given YTD as of 10-18-2026	\$59,850.25
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-18-2026	\$60.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$16,154.04
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-18-2026	\$2,794.00
Kirk Receipts 10-11-26 to 10-17-26	\$2,097.44
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 10-18-2026	\$15.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 10-18-2026	\$450.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-18-2026	\$1,314.12

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

SUNDAY October 25	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship with Long-Term Member Recognition
MONDAY October 26	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study
TUESDAY October 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 11:00 am Anne Valentine Memorial Service 4:30 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY October 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY October 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 30	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 October 31	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY November 1	<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship with Communion

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)