

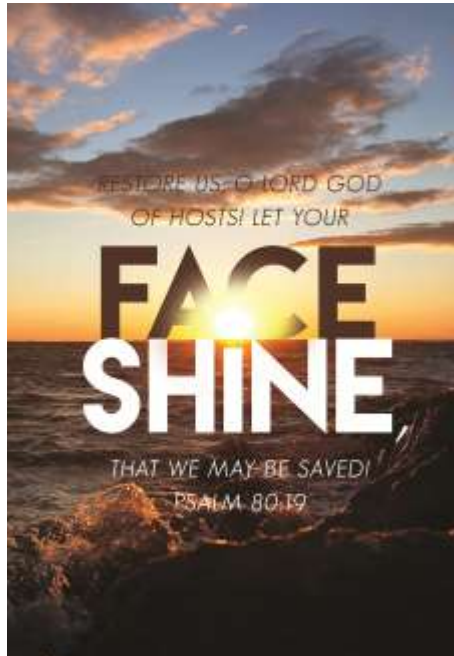
**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

October 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion & Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"You have fed them with the bread of tears. And given them tears to drink in great measure. You have made us a strife to our neighbors. And our enemies laugh among themselves." Psalm 80:5-6



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This Little Light of Mine"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 80:7-15)**

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; cause your face to shine and we shall be saved! You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you have cast out the nations, and planted it.

People: You prepared room for it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The halls were covered with its shadow, and the mighty cedars with its boughs.

Leader: She sent out her boughs to the sea, and her branches to the river. Why have you broken down her hedges, so that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

People: The boar out of the woods uproots it, and the wild beast of the field devours it. Return, we beseech you, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine

Leader: and the vineyard which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made strong for yourself.

People: It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

Unison: Let your hand be upon man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.

***Hymn**

"O Hear Our Cry, O Lord"

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Prayer of Confession

Whatever we conceal with darkness will control us. We guard it fiercely because it's painful, embarrassing, and sinful. If we let anyone get too close to discovering our defect, we get combative. Our anger is based on the fear that we'll be exposed-and it's destroying us. It's scary to invite God's light into our deepest sins but it is the only way for us to be free. Don't let the darkness imprison us. We confess our failings to God, and allow him to lead us into the light with his forgiveness and love. In Christ's Name – Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, God forgives our sin and brings light into our hearts. You can trust that Jesus will take away your fear and anger. Thank You for taking us out of the darkness, Lord, and setting us free into your light of love. **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

"Come Find Forgiveness and Love"

by Price/Besig
Flute – Lois Haight

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Now let me sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved regarding his vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. He dug it up and cleared out the stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it. So he expected it to bring forth good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? And now, please let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be buried; and break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned or dug, but there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they not rain on it.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:33-46

"Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants more than the first and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, they will respect my son. But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, this is the heir. Come, let

us kill him and seize his inheritance. So, they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read the Scriptures: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

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

Offertory

*Choral Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

"Come to the Table of Grace"

#507

*Invitation

*Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come - 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: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and forget not all God's benefits

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

#265

*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 Teresa*



First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

October 4, 2026

On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the Lord's Supper. We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ.

(Prayer) Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. 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 Around the World Luncheons are back! The third Sundays of the month will be your chance to travel without leaving home! Our first stop is Germany for Oktoberfest – with fun games and a little competition! Bring a German inspired dish and wear your lederhosen!

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 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 Leo and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on October 11 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: *“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” (Matthew 21:42)* Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being “rejected” by others.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 9-27-2026	43 - 36 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 9-27-2026	\$1,091.35
General amount needed year-to-date	\$55,883.10
General amount given YTD as of 9-27-2026	\$55,172.25
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 9-27-2026	\$47.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$15,000.18
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 9-27-2026	\$2,659.00
Kirk Receipts 9-20-26 to 9-26-26	\$1,907.19
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 9-27-2026	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 9-27-2026	\$415.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 9-27-2026	\$1,274.12

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

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

SUNDAY October 4	9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship with Communion 11:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY October 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY October 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY October 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 7:00 pm CE Meeting
THURSDAY October 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY October 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY October 10	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY October 11	9:15 am Deacons Meeting 10:00 am Worship

*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)*