

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion & Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

*"Give thanks to the LORD. For He is good! For His mercy endures forever."
Psalm 107:1*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This Little Light of Mine"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 107:2-7)**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

People: And gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate wasteland; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty. Their soul fainted in them.

People: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble. And he delivered them out of their distresses.

Unison: And HE led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

***Hymn**

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

#653

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God forgives us our sins and provides righteousness and justice when you are treated unfairly; he is merciful and gracious; he is slow to get angry and full of unfailing love. Sin and despair are the only obstacles between us and God's many blessings. They can cloud our vision and prevent us from seeing things as they are. But God understands and is eternally patient with us. He will give us the grace to overcome our weaknesses.

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

“All Will Be Well”

arr. by Shackley

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. Everything they do is done for people to see: They take their phylacteries wide and tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi’, for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father’, for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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: As God gave his only Son for our salvation, let us give back to him as an act of love for his church and community with our tithes & offerings.

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. 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

“Feed Us, Lord”

#501

***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

Lord Jesus, I thank you for coming to me in the most holy sacrament. May your body and blood strengthen me to live according to your will. Fill my heart with your peace, renew my spirit with your love, and lead me always in your truth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#775



*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: *Before God, we are all equally wise and equally foolish.*

—Attributed to Albert Einstein

Leading us in worship this morning:

Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist



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of Delhi, New York

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On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints’ Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

(Prayer) Today, we remember the faithful believers who have gone before us. May their witness encourage us as we worship the God who remains faithful through every generation.

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).

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 and to elect Susie Little to the PNC. No other business may come before the Congregation at that time.

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 **Elder on Call** for the coming week is Susie Little.

The **Trustees** responsible for counting today are Ed Chytalo and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 8 are Ed Goff and Tom Leo.

The **Chancel Guild** volunteer for November is Barb Leo.

The **Nov-Dec 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: *"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."* (Matthew 23:12) The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships: relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we ask God to help us grow in the virtue of humility.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 10-25-2026	55 - 46 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 10-25-2026	\$958.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$61,614.70
General amount given YTD as of 10-25-2026	\$60,808.25
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 10-25-2026	\$105.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$16,538.66
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 10-25-2026	\$2,899.00
Kirk Receipts 10-18-26 to 10-24-26	\$2,096.64
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 10-25-2026	\$5.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 10-25-2026	\$455.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 10-25-2026	\$1,464.12

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

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
MONDAY November 2	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY November 3	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 6:30 pm Scottish Dance
WEDNESDAY November 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 7:00 pm CE Meeting
THURSDAY November 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY November 6	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 November 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY November 8	9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Deacons Meeting 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 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)

– Proposed changes to bylaws –

(**Bold** indicates a change, *items in italics* 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.*