First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

November 22, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

Christ the King Sunday

"'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40





GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir *"Come Into God's Courts with Praise"* by Helman

***Call to Worship** *(Based on Psalm 100)*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Unison: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, whose Son Jesus Christ reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords: Grant that we, who acknowledge his sovereign rule, may faithfully serve his kingdom in righteousness, mercy, and love; that, following the example of our Good Shepherd, we may seek the welfare of others and bear witness to his gracious reign; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* **#385**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ reigns as Lord of all, we confess that we have not always lived as faithful subjects of his kingdom. We have sought our own interests, neglected the needs of our neighbors, and failed to recognize Christ in those who are hungry, lonely, or in distress. Forgive us, merciful Father. Turn our hearts toward your righteousness, renew us in your love, and strengthen us to serve you in all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us” (*Ephesians 1:7–8*). “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (*Romans 8:1*). “To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (*Revelation 1:5-6*).

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 – Bell Choir *“Let All Things Now Living”* arr. by Krug

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may behold the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, and come to understand the righteousness and mercy of his kingdom. Grant us wisdom to discern your truth and faithfulness to live under Christ's gracious reign; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

***Hymn** *“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”* **#363**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon *"Christ, Our Shepherd King"* Jonathan Andrews

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from The Confession of 1967)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your blessings and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and devotion. Bless them to the service of your kingdom, that the hungry may be fed, the suffering comforted, and your love made known throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

… "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

***Closing Hymn** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* **#268**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day*: "I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need." —Attributed to Count Zinzendorf*

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Leading us in worship this morning:
Johathan Andrews, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Joan Verspoor, Liturgist

Our Church Life & Events

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of Delhi, New York

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We gather with gratitude for the extravagant goodness of Almighty God. As members of the family of God, let us rejoice and reach out in love toward one another.

(Prayer) As Thanksgiving approaches, we pause to thank God for every blessing. Let us worship with grateful hearts and remember his goodness in every season.

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 FLOWERS this week are given in memory of Dr. Howard Dickson from his family.

The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held today, November 22, at 4:00, followed by a soup supper, at St. John's Episcopal Church. Please bring canned goods for the food pantry.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held on November 26 from 12-3 (takeout ends at 2:00), hosted by the Delhi Community Church.

Harry Bell is now living in the New York Veterans Home care facility. The address there is 4207 NY-220, Oxford, NY 13830 if you want to send a note or visit.

The **upright piano** in Fellowship Hall is looking for a new home. It is available for free, but the new owner will be responsible for moving and transporting it.

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 Nancy Morley.

The **Trustees** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Joe Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 29 are Alex Cantwell and Ed Chytalo.

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

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: *"…whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)* Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure, especially when it's not always convenient for us.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance *Sunday 11-15-2026*	47 - 40 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	$1,432.90
General amount given week of 11-15-2026	$1,053.00
General amount needed year-to-date	$65,913.40
General amount given YTD as of 11-15-2026	$64,197.78
Fuel Fund needed each week	$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-15-2026	$105.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	$17,692.52
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-15-2026	$3,245.00
Kirk Receipts 11-8-26 to 11-14-26	$2,118.78
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 11-15-2026	$50.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 11-15-2026	$525.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-15-2026	$1,650.65

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

SUNDAY **November 22**	***Bountiful Giving Sunday*** **9:00 am Sunday School** **9:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal** **10:00 am Worship** **4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (St. John's)**
MONDAY **November 23**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **9:00 am Kirk Work Day**
TUESDAY **November 24**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **6:30 pm Scottish Dance**
WEDNESDAY **November 25**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **10:30 am Gentle Yoga**
THURSDAY **November 26**	***Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day*** **12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner**
FRIDAY **November 27**	**9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open** **10:30 am Adult Ballet Class**
SATURDAY **November 28**	**9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open** **10:00 am Yoga**
SUNDAY **November 29**	**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)