First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

November 8, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13





GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit *"Step By Step"*

***Call to Worship** *(Revelation 15:3-4)*

Leader: Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, ruler of the nations!

Leader: Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy.

Unison: All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed.

***Hymn** *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* **#4**

Prayer of Confession

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: You no longer have to labor under the burdens of old guilts and fears because in Christ we are forgiven and freed to serve. Amen.

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 *"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"* arr. by Martin

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you have blessed us with this time and this place to hear your word handed down. Be with us as we gather to worship, and let us not only hear with our ears, but also to listen with our hearts as you illuminate to us wonders of your scripture. In the name of God, of Jesus Christ and of that Holy Spirit. Amen.

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

***Hymn** *"Come, Labor On"* **#719**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon *"Groomsday Preppers"*

Libby Cudmore, *Ruling Elder (First Presbyterian Church, Oneonta)*

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**

We are blessed, Heavenly Father, with everything you give to us, and today we give back with grateful hearts. We ask that you bless these offerings and use them to further your work in our church and community. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* **#12**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day*: "**After winter comes the summer. After night comes the dawn. And after every storm, there comes clear, open skies."*

—Attributed to Samuel Rutherford

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Leading us in worship this morning:
Libby Cudmore, Ruling Elder (First Presbyterian Church, Oneonta) – Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Deacon George Thompson, Liturgist

Our Church Life & Events

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of Delhi, New York

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A friendly welcome to each worshiper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty.

(Prayer) May your Spirit speak to our spirits, O God. Give us the grace and strength to obey your guidance.

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 gourmet trip around the world continues with a stop close to home – America! **On Sunday, November 15 we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together.** The Fellowship Committee will supply the turkey! Family names A-L, please bring a side dish and M-Z please bring dessert! Come celebrate our church family!

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.

The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held on 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. Twenty more pies are needed. Each church is asked to provide 3-5 pies, delivered to the fire hall. They also need places to cook the turkeys. If anyone is willing to help, please leave a message at (607)746-3858 or email delhicommunitychurch@gmail.com.

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 Joe Weaver.

The **Trustees** responsible for counting today are Ed Goff and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on November 15 are Tom Leo and Art Maxwell.

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: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13)* Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we understand God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance *Sunday 11-1-2026*	46 - 39 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	$1,432.90
General amount given week of 11-1-2026	$782.00
General amount needed year-to-date	$63,047.60
General amount given YTD as of 11-1-2026	$61,590.25
Fuel Fund needed each week	$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-1-2026	$107.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	$16,923.28
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-1-2026	$3,006.00
Kirk Receipts 10-25-26 to 10-31-26	$2,382.63
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 11-1-2026	$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 11-1-2026	$455.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-1-2026	$1,464.12

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

SUNDAY **November 8**	**9:00 am Sunday School** **9:15 am Deacons Meeting** **9:15 am Choir Rehearsal** **10:00 am Worship**
MONDAY **November 9**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **9:00 am Kirk Work Day**
TUESDAY **November 10**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **6:30 pm Scottish Dance**
WEDNESDAY **November 11**	***Office Closed for Veterans Day*** **8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **10:30 am Gentle Yoga**
THURSDAY **November 12**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **9:00 am Kirk Work Day**
FRIDAY **November 13**	**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 14**	**9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open** **10:00 am Yoga**
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(Our Mission Statement)