



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fourth Sunday of Easter

“For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:17

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“God Is So Good”

*Unison Psalm Reading (*Psalm 23*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#630

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The voices of your faithful ones echo in our ears: “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!” We long to join their words of praise, but feel unworthy. We know that you are our shepherd, watching over us every minute of our lives.

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We yearn to join the chorus of those worshipping the Lamb, but we feel unsure and unsecure. Open us to the one who wipes away every tear, that we may truly rest in green pastures and drink from still waters. For you alone restore our souls. You alone meet us in our time of need. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Trust the words of our shepherd: My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. Rest secure that our shepherd loves us and leads us into life.

Thanks be to God; we have been forgiven. Amen.

***Choral Response**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem

“In His Time”

Ball

Prayer for Illumination

God of Jesus Christ, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 10:22-30

It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon’s Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus replied, “I have already told you, and you don’t believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name. But you don’t believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. They sang, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me,

“These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“*Sir, You Know*”

Lay Preacher Marsha Muller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of all nations, tribes, people and tongues, you have redeemed us by the blood of the Lamb; we go into all nations announcing your victory. We confess with our tongues that Christ is risen, pledge our obedience to follow him faithfully and proclaim your majesty to the ends of the earth. Hear our prayer and accept our commitment, for they are offered in the name of Christ our Savior. In all things we give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#525

*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Using elements which you have prepared prior to the service, please follow as we are led in Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn

"Standing On the Promises of God" verses 1 & 2

#838

*Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.*

*Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*The Sending

"Standing on the Promises of God" verses 3 & 4

#838

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.*

*Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else."*

—Ann Landers

Leading us in worship this morning:
Lay Preacher Marsha Muller, Minister
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Kevin Sullivan, Liturgist



First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

May 8, 2022

Welcome to worship this fourth Sunday of Easter. And a happy Mother's Day to all mother-figures!

(Prayer) God, like a mother you are both tender with your children and fierce on our behalf. Thank you for modeling motherly love for us all.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

THE FLOWERS this morning are given by Marilyn Wickham in memory of her husband Richard Wickham.

For the time that we are without a full-time pastor, members of Session will be taking turns in serving as a go-to person if a pastoral need arises. For the month of May, it will be Kathy Sullivan who will serve as the contact person. Carolyn Massey will serve in June.

The Mission committee will be sponsoring **Wilson Chicken BBQ fundraisers** on **May 13th** and **June 17th** at the Tractor Supply parking lot from 11 AM until sold out. If you are able to help sell chicken halves, please let Kathy Sullivan know. The money raised from the BBQ will be used to support the mission work on our church. Thanks for your support!

The May-June 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!

The last Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry is accepting **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. Checks may also be mailed via regular mail to the church at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi NY 13753.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, he fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we continue to share the joy of our faith and be an example for others.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-1-2022</i>	42 - 29 in sanctuary + Approx. 13 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 5-1-2022	\$4,035.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$38,652.30
The amount given YTD as of 5-1-2022	\$36,508.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-1-2022	\$1,905.00
Kirk Receipts week of 4-24-22 to 4-30-22	\$1,417.03
Mission giving week of 5-1-2022	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-1-2022	\$725.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-1-2022	\$1,527.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep yourself and others safe as we worship and fellowship together virtually and in person!

SUNDAY May 8	<i>Mother's Day & Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY May 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am SPARKS 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY May 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY May 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Annual Morgan Stanley Investment Meeting 5:30 pm Session Meeting
THURSDAY May 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 13	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 11:00 am Chicken BBQ Fundraiser (Tractor Supply Parking Lot)
SATURDAY May 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY May 15	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship