



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

July 3, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
2 Corinthians 3:17*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Unison Psalm Reading (*Psalm 30*)

I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help." You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

*Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

#338

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of creation, you make all things new; look with mercy upon us as we confess our sin. The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to fruition. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the evil harvest we have sown. Save us from our love of sinning, O God. Teach us to sow to your Holy Spirit and reap eternal life. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Just as Paul bore on his body the marks of Jesus, so also may we glory in the cross of Christ Jesus. By it the world has been crucified to us and we to the world. So walk by this rule and dwell in God's mercy, for through the grace of our Savior we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! 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

Interlude

Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we claim your promise to move among us in the power of the Holy Spirit as we read and study your word. Open our ears, that we may hear you speaking to us. Open our hearts that we might take your word to heart. Remind us that life is your gift. Strengthen our response of gratitude. Grant us wisdom that we might join your work of making spaces where communion flourishes. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Galatians 6:1-16

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means

anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Let Freedom Ring”

Lay Preacher Marsha Muller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith - 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**

O God of the heavenly vineyard, in Christ you have sown the seed of our eternal salvation. Through the Holy Spirit you have planted your word of wisdom and might. We are surrounded by countless acts of your graciousness and are empowered in every way by your sustaining love. Receive the fruits of our labors, which we lay before you and bless them to your glory. In all things we give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

#500

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Through intinction, or 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 unending love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- *Hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" verses 1 & 2 #337
- *Benediction
- *The Sending "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" verses 3 & 4 #337

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "In the cause of freedom we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree. ... If we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own." —Harry Truman

Leading us in worship this morning:
Lay Preacher Marsha Muller, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Ed Furgol, Liturgist



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Welcome to worship in Jesus' name. As we pray today that God bless America, may the whole world know God's goodness and live in peace and love.

(Prayer) God of freedom, we pray for the time when all earth and heaven will ring with the harmonies of liberty.

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).

Darcy will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 5th.

This year's **VBS will be taking place Tuesday, July 19th thru Thursday, July 21st, 2022.** Registration will begin at 5pm & VBS classes will start promptly at 5:30pm until 7pm. We are asking for volunteers that are available to lend a hand with games, craft, or snacks. Donations of fruit snacks, bananas, grapes, apples, & juice boxes or pouches would also be appreciated!

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 months of July and August our contact person will be Renee Maxwell. She can be reached at (607)-746-6128 or oma8243@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a **dish-to-pass brunch** on July 17th and August 14th immediately following the church service. We hope you can come enjoy some time with your church family!

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: *“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” Luke 10:2* As Christians we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our gifts can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your gifts. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we ask God how he wants us to use our gifts for the glory of his name and not our own self-interest.

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

The financial and attendance information for the week of June 26 – July 2 will be included in next week’s Church Life, as it is the only information that cannot be included prior to my vacation. - Darcy

SUNDAY July 3	<i>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY July 4	<i>Office Closed in Observation of Independence Day</i> Tweedie Family Reunion
TUESDAY July 5	9:00 am Piano being used for practice
WEDNESDAY July 6	10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY July 7	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY July 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY July 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY July 10	<i>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship