



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

"The Lord is my strength and my Salvation, whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Call to Worship (*Malachi 1:11*)

For from the rising of the sun to its setting, my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name.

For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

*Hymn

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#151

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the one who knows us and saves us.

Sustaining God, you lead us through the parched wilderness places to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest ways. We sometimes ignore the needs of our soul. Merciful and sustaining God, forgive our ignorance and arrogance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you provide for our needs. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Even in a year of drought we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightened us to hear your word this day. Help us to rely always on your promises through Scripture. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 27:4-9

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"He is Coming"

Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jackson/Miller

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony*

*Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me*

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Lord we come before you today to present our offerings to you in faith. We believe in your word and we honor you by putting our faith in action through our giving. Amen.

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

Lord, you have sustained us during lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of the strength that only you can provide. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

“Sanctuary”

#701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Hymn

“What Child is This?”

#145

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Faith does not eliminate questions, but Faith knows where to take them.”*

—Elisabeth Elliott

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Ed Furgol, Liturgist



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"God is faithful; by him [we] were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9). Welcome to worship.

(Prayer) Wrap us in your warm love on this winter day, O God, as we gather to praise you and hear your Word.

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).

A CALL has been issued by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church By-Laws, to be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 29, 2023**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review annual reports, receive the budget, and address any other business that may come properly before the Congregation. The 2022 Annual Reports are now available for review.



We will have a **dish-to-pass luncheon** on Sunday, January 29 immediately following the Congregational Meeting. We will have fellowship and happily welcome Pastor Jamie and Bessie Tyrrell to FPC Delhi.

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.

2022 Annual Reports, Jan-Feb Couriers and 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: *"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."* *Isaiah 49:5*. God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may faithfully live as God's stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb.



The **Per Capita** amount for 2023 has been set at \$43.95 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-8-2023</i>	34 - 22 in sanctuary + Approx. 12 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
Additional 2022 PayPal income	\$1,090.00
General amount given week of 1-8-2023	\$1,382.65
General amount needed year-to-date	\$3,306.00
General amount given YTD as of 1-8-2023	\$2,997.66
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 1-8-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$847.24
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-8-2023	\$40.00
Kirk Receipts 1-1-23 to 1-7-23	\$1,245.14
Mission giving week of 1-8-2023	\$157.50
Mission giving YTD as of 1-8-2023	\$157.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-8-2023	\$211.90

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

SUNDAY January 15	9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY January 16	<i>Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY January 17	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts (Chapel)
WEDNESDAY January 18	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY January 19	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 20	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY January 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY January 22	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship