

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 27:5-14)**

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling, he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

I am still confident of this; I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

***Hymn**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved God, by the radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace with you through Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Praise 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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and the word proclaimed we might hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them – the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, some from Chloe’s household, have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul,” another, “I follow Apollos,” another, “I follow Cephas,” still another, “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius. So no one can say that you were baptized into my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else). For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with words of human wisdom lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. From that time on, Jesus began to preach, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near.” As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers; Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, it is our prayer that these tithes and offerings, symbol of all that we have received as a gift from you, will be used through our church community and beyond to further your never-ending project of renewal in our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Hymn** *"You Walk Along Our Shoreline" verses 1 & 2* **#170**

***Benediction**

***The Sending** *"You Walk Along Our Shoreline" verse 3* **#170**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love."*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist



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Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at First Presbyterian! Please extend a word of friendship to those sitting near you.

(Prayer) "One thing I ask from the Lord: this only do I seek: ... to seek him in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

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. Desserts and drinks are provided, so just bring a favorite dish to share. We will have fellowship and happily welcome Pastor Jamie Tyrrell to FPC Delhi.

Coming soon - Game Day at First Presbyterian Church! Bring your friends, your competitive spirit, and be ready to play your favorite game or learn a new one! Game Day will be after church on February 26th in the new narthex. Popcorn, pizza and beverages will be provided.

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: *"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."* Matthew 4:22 Just as Jesus called the first apostles, he calls each of us to follow him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever he calls.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-15-2023</i>	38 - 31 in sanctuary + Approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 1-15-2023	\$2,462.95
General amount needed year-to-date	\$4,959.00
General amount given YTD as of 1-15-2023	\$5,460.61
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 1-15-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,270.86
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-15-2023	\$40.00
Kirk Receipts 1-8-23 to 1-14-23	\$1,374.52
Mission giving week of 1-15-2023	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-15-2023	\$182.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-15-2023	\$299.80

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

SUNDAY January 22	10:30 am Worship
MONDAY January 23	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY January 24	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY January 25	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY January 26	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 27	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Ballet/Adult Dance Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY January 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY January 29	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting 12:00 pm Dish-to-Pass Luncheon