



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

*"God is So Good"*

#### \*Call to Worship (*Psalm 15*)

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

**The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

#### \*Hymn

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Lord God, maker of Heaven and Earth, we come to you knowing that we want to be in control, but you are. We want to know tomorrow—silly of us, because we have enough trouble seeing today. So, return to us when we leave you by slipping into yesterday or worrying about tomorrow. Give us eyes that see. In Christ's Name, Amen.

*(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)*

#### Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

**Praise be to God. Amen.**

#### \*Choral Response

*"Gloria Patri"*

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*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

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

*arr. by Temple*

#### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by your present Spirit, guide the words and our hearing. May your word for today be clear to each of us. Give us the courage to live it. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

## New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

## Message Reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

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Sermon

*"A Time and a Place"*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's 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

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

### Offertory

\*Choral Response

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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*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

You have the words of eternal life. Where else would we go? We come and we give. Bless our giving. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

## \*Hymn

*"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"*

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## \*Charge to the Congregation

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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*Annual Congregational Meeting – All are invited to remain for the meeting.*

**Thought for the Day:** *"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."—Augustine*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Jamie Tyrrell, Interim Pastor

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Susie Little, Liturgist



## First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

January 29, 2023

We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Welcome.

(Prayer) Dear Jesus, help us live out your kingdom values: mercy, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, peacemaking — and above all, love.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/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 today. 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** immediately following the Congregational Meeting today. Desserts and drinks are provided. 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 26<sup>th</sup> in the new narthex. Popcorn, pizza and beverages will be provided.

**Today 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:** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”* Matthew 5:3. The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress and talk.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-22-2023</i>	28 - 21 in sanctuary + Approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 1-22-2023	\$808.29
General amount needed year-to-date	\$6,612.00
General amount given YTD as of 1-22-2023	\$6,268.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 1-22-2023	\$40.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,694.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-22-2023	\$80.00
Kirk Receipts 1-15-23 to 1-21-23	\$1,222.39
Mission giving week of 1-22-2023	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-22-2023	\$187.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-22-2023	\$299.80

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



<b>SUNDAY</b> January 29	<b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <b>12:00 pm Dish-to-Pass Luncheon</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> January 30	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> January 31	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> February 1	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> February 2	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> February 3	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:30 am Ballet/Adult Dance Class (Chapel)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> February 4	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:00 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> February 5	<b>9:30 am Deacons Meeting</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b> <b>11:30 am Annual Meeting Snow Date</b>