



**The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

January 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

*“Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.”
Psalm 29:1*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Unison Psalm Reading (Psalm 29)**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!” The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

***Hymn**

“Seek Ye First”

#175

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You have given Christ as a covenant to the nations, O God, yet your people continue to live at war. Your prophets proclaim justice and peace, yet we dwell amid hostility and oppression. You judge your people with fairness; we implore you to have mercy upon us. Give sight to eyes that are blind to your truth. Enlighten our darkness, that we may behold you even in the midst of our enemies. Free us from seeking our own grandeur, so that in humility we may live at peace with your people. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The promises of God are with us still. As the prophet foretold, a Servant is sent. A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. He knows our weakness. Trust the promises of God; in Jesus Christ 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: Turn to your neighbor and behold the light of Christ within each face you see. The Light and the Peace of Jesus be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a light to the nations and a reflection of your glorious salvation. Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might know the power of your love and grace. As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility. Fill us anew with Your Spirit so we may hear Your Word and be renewed through the message that is before us this day. Wash us clean and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

New Testament Reading - Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“No Partiality & No Barriers”

Lay Preacher Marsha Muller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

All: 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.

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#475

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

Ordination and Installation of Officers

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**

We acknowledge our baptism, O God, and the call to become members of Christ's body. Accept our gifts, that others may be led into your way. Help us to arrange our priorities that we may seek first your will for us and prepare ourselves to follow where Christ may lead us. May the offering we bring be a sign and symbol of our commitment to answer his call to "come, follow me." In all things we give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

***Hymn**

"I Danced in the Morning"

#157

***Benediction**

***The Sending**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" verse 1

#541

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl, but by all means, keep moving." —Martin Luther King Jr.

Leading us in worship this morning:
Lay Preacher Marsha Muller, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Deacon Kathy Martin, Liturgist



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Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always.

(Prayer) God, thank you for calling each one of us "Beloved Child," just as you did with Jesus at his baptism.

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).

This morning we will ordain and install our Elders for the class of 2024 and Deacons for the class of 2025. We rejoice in the continuing leadership of Barb Leo and Tammi Tully, and welcome the returning leadership of Nancy Lee and Barb Thompson as Elders. We are thankful for Betty Bell, Leslie McKeegan and Toni Weaver as they return to serve as Deacons, and we welcome Linda Dewitt as a newly ordained Deacon. We take this time to recognize Tom Leo, who is returning to service, and Cullen LaFever and Kevin Lee who are continuing their service as Trustees for the Class of 2025.

The deadline for Annual Report submissions is tomorrow (Monday, Jan 9). Please get all reports to Darcy by then. The report needs to be finished and available by next Sunday, Jan 15.

The **rosebud** on the Communion Table this morning is given by the Deacons in honor of the birth of **Ann Sullivan** - born on November 7, 2022 to Ryan & Val Sullivan and welcomed by proud grandparents Kathy & Kevin Sullivan, Uncle Pat & Aunt Sonia and cousins Leona and Aila. Ann will join her sister Kathryn Elizabeth at home.

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 22, 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 will be available for review beginning Sunday, January 15.



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.

The Jan-Feb Courier 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: *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* Matthew 2:11 The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we are generous with all of our gifts, especially the one thing that means the most to us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-1-2023</i>	26 - 22 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
The amount needed each week	TBD*
The amount given week of 1-1-2023	\$1,655.01
The amount needed year-to-date	TBD
The amount given YTD as of 1-1-2023	\$1,655.01
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-1-2023	\$20.00
Kirk Receipts 12-25-22 to 12-31-22	\$1,196.30
Mission giving week of 1-1-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-1-2023	\$0.00
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-1-2023	\$0.00

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

SUNDAY January 8	10:30 am Worship with Installation of Officers
MONDAY January 9	<i>Annual Report Deadline</i> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY January 10	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY January 11	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY January 12	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 13	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY January 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 9:15 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY January 15	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship

