



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*"You are the salt of the earth." Matthew 5:13*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

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

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways.

#### \*Hymn

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

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#### Prayer of Confession

O Lord our Savior and our Leader, you say we are salt. We say we don't want to offend. You say we are light. We say we are shy. Yes, it is the ancient struggle of your followers. We want safety but the Spirit is bold. Help us find the way out of the conflict we have created. Give us wisdom to engage those around us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. (*Psalm 103:8-10*)

**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

#### Interlude

#### Prayer for Illumination

By your Spirit we call holy, open your word to us. May the words that are spoken and the thoughts of our hearts honor you and become a part of our daily doing. In Christ's Name Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30:18-20

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your

life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message Reading – Matthew 5:13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Sanctuary” (Sing 3x)*

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**Sermon**

*“Who Are You?”*

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

We return but a portion of what you have given us. Bless these gifts and us with the power of your love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

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

## \*Closing Hymn

*"Take My Life" verses 1-4*

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## \*Charge to the Congregation

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"He who kneels before God can stand before anyone."*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Jamie Tyrrell, Interim Pastor  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Kevin Sullivan, Liturgist

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## First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York February 12, 2023

Paul tells us, "We are co-workers in God's service" (1 Corinthians 3:9). So we gather to be fed for a new week of ministry. Welcome!

*(Prayer)* God, you call us to choose life and goodness every day. With your Spirit's help, we will do so.

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).

**Prayer Request Cards** are available for you to fill out and place in the offering plate. Pastor Jamie will refer to these during the Prayers of the People so we can join in prayer as a congregation for the needs that are brought forth.

**Join us for 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.

**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.

**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:** *“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20.* The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending worship and then gossiping about a fellow member in the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That our faith grows and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-5-2023</i>	46 - 36 in sanctuary + Approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 2-5-2023	\$2,825.95
General amount needed year-to-date	\$9,918.00
General amount given YTD as of 2-5-2023	\$12,171.80
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-5-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,541.72
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-5-2023	\$140.00
Kirk Receipts 1-29-23 to 2-4-23	\$1,170.32
Mission giving week of 2-5-2023	\$110.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-5-2023	\$360.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-5-2023	\$632.70

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> February 12	<b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> February 13	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> February 14	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> February 15	<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>6:30 pm Trustees Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> February 16	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> February 17	<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 18	<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 19	<b>10:30 am Worship</b>