



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

*"First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matt 5:24b*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

#### \*Call to Worship (*Psalm 99:1-3*)

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

**he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

**Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.**

#### \*Hymn

*"Sanctuary" sing 3x*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Lord our Savior and our Friend, we like that 'being forgiven' part. However, there is the other part: forgive others. We are to turn loose of resentments because they are toxic to our souls. We are to move forward in life living each day one day at a time. But we feel so entitled to our anger and dread of being hurt again. Help us to trust your leading instead of the councils of our own hearts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. (Rom 6:22)

**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

#### Sacrament of Baptism – Colleen Ann Sullivan

#### Prayer for Illumination

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

## Old Testament Reading – Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## New Testament Reading – 2 Peter 1:19-21

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Message Reading – Matthew 5:23-24

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*“Be Reconciled”*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Shorter Catechism

What is the chief end of man?

**Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

## 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 given us the gift of new life - now and the life to come. We rejoice in your kindness and give in joy. 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

*"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"*

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## \*Charge to the Congregation

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Instead of judging people, why don't you take the same time to pray for them, to reach out to them and let them know you believe in them."* –Anonymous

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Jamie Tyrrell, Interim Pastor

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Ed Furgol, Liturgist

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## **First Presbyterian Church** of Delhi, New York **February 19, 2023**

Welcome to worship as we celebrate our salvation and catch a glimpse of Jesus' divine glory.

*(Prayer)* God, you said to your disciples, "This is my Son, the Beloved; ... listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5). Help us always listen to Jesus too.

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 next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in the chapel. Popcorn, pizza and beverages will be provided.

We are having a **Movie Night** on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm to show the movie **I Can Only Imagine**. The following March Wednesdays (8, 15, 22 and 29) will each feature a Small Group Study at 6:00 pm. These studies will focus on basic Christian beliefs and will be followed by a brief fellowship time with snacks, cookies and coffee.

**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:** *“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44.* Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes our hearts and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don’t always treat us well.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-12-2023</i>	49 - 37 in sanctuary + Approx. 12 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 2-12-2023	\$2,096.05
General amount needed year-to-date	\$11,571.00
General amount given YTD as of 2-12-2023	\$14,267.85
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-12-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,965.34
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-12-2023	\$140.00
Kirk Receipts 2-5-23 to 2-11-23	\$1,390.20
Mission giving week of 2-12-2023	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-12-2023	\$370.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-12-2023	\$676.65

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



<b>SUNDAY</b> February 19	<b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> February 20	<i>Office Closed in observation of Presidents' Day</i> <b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>6:30 pm MWS Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> February 21	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> February 22	<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 23	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> February 24	<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 25	<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 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>11:30 am – 2:30 pm Game Day!</b>