



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matt 5:48

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. by Raney

*Call to Worship (Psalm 32:1-5)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer,

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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Prayer of Confession

You know us, O Lord, better than we know ourselves. You are not confused by the very things that lead us in useless directions. You are the Good Lord, our companion in life. So we confess our hidden secrets knowing you already know them. Yet we are surprised by your understanding. We are restored through you grace. We are upheld by your hand. We are astonished yet again. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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

Anthem – Bell Choir

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. by Raney

Time for Small Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Lord of Truth and Grace, we open your work again knowing that some word you want us to hear is about to be said. May our minds grasp and our hearts embrace your word for us today. This we ask in the name of our brother, our friend Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

New Testament Reading – Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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”* **#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**

How we enjoy your generosity. You lavish us in beauty of sky and hills. You warm us with friends. You put us on the path to joy. So we give and smile as we give. 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** *“This is My Father’s World”* **#370**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“God designed the church to nourish the hungry, help the struggling take a step forward and refresh the exhausted.”*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Susie Little, Liturgist

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First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York
February 26, 2023

Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Lent. A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

(Prayer) Holy Spirit, when you lead us into the wilderness, assure us of your constant presence.

THE FLOWERS today are given in memory of my sister Lois Dickson Palin – from Margaret Jones.

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 today in the chapel. Popcorn, pizza and beverages will be provided.

The Kirk receipts for February 24-25 went to the PCUSA Syria-Turkey Earthquake Fund. A special collection will be held on February 26 for that fund. Please use the mission envelopes in the pews. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, writing Earthquake relief in the memo line. Thank you.

Submissions for the Mar-Apr Courier need to be given to Darcy by tomorrow, Feb 27!

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 **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Leo and Joe Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 5 are Alex Cantwell and Tom Little.

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.

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: *“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Matthew 4:10.* Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to his Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-19-2023</i>	50 - 41 in sanctuary + Approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 2-19-2023	\$1,763.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$13,224.00
General amount given YTD as of 2-19-2023	\$16,030.85
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-19-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,388.96
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-19-2023	\$160.00
Kirk Receipts 2-12-23 to 2-18-23	\$1,667.64
Mission giving week of 2-19-2023	\$155.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-19-2023	\$525.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-19-2023	\$743.65

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



When? February 26th at 11:30—2:30pm

**Where? First Presbyterian Church of Delhi
4 Clinton St.**

We'll have games available but you can bring your own favorite to play too!

Bring your competitive spirit, come solo or bring your friends and family and enjoy an afternoon of friendly fun!

Popcorn, pizza and beverages will be provided!

SUNDAY February 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Game Day!
MONDAY February 27	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY February 28	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY March 1	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Movie Night: I Can Only Imagine
THURSDAY March 2	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 3	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY March 4	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY March 5	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion

