



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down."
Matthew 5:1*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God is So Good"

*Call to Worship (Psalm 112:1-4)

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

*Hymn

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

#41

Prayer of Confession

O Lord Our God, the last enemy is death. You have overcome. You help us to overcome. When we shrink from the risks of life or the reality of death, we thank you for standing beside us. Your presence encourages us. When we get lost in worry, find us. We pray for the wisdom to hear you and come to you. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

"Lord God, Almighty"

by Huisman

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord our God, who has come down from Heaven and lived among us, we open our hearts to you this morning. As we open your word, give us greater vision so we might live your light. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 58:1-4

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:6-12

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Greater Vision”

Rev. Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We

believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Eucharist

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

You invite us to have a whole different way of looking at life. As we grow in our understanding of just how amazing you are, we grow in giving. So bless these gifts and the gifts of time and talent and each of us. May we see even more way to serve you. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* **#525**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be by intinction, or you may use the individual elements that were provided on your way in this morning.

Prayer after Communion

Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome. Thank you for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by my forever and love me, I pray. Bless all of us children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there. I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere. Amen.

***Hymn** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* **#630**

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”*

—Albert Schweitzer

Leading us in worship this morning:

Jamie Tyrrell, Interim Pastor
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Deacon Kathy Martin, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

(Prayer) You promise to guide us continually, Lord, and to meet all our needs. May we be your garden, our thirst quenched by your living water. (See Isaiah 58:11.)

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).

If you haven't seen it yet, our **church website** has been completely redesigned. Thanks to Barb Kopecek for the wonderful work she did! The web address is the same as before (www.fpcdelhi.org); be sure to take a look!

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 26th 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: *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16. The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-29-2023</i>	47 - 36 in sanctuary + Approx. 11 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 1-29-2023	\$3,076.95
General amount needed year-to-date	\$8,265.00
General amount given YTD as of 1-29-2023	\$9,345.85
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 1-29-2023	\$40.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,118.10
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-29-2023	\$120.00
Kirk Receipts 1-22-23 to 1-28-23	\$1,111.72
Mission giving week of 1-29-2023	\$63.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-29-2023	\$250.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-29-2023	\$388.75

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

SUNDAY February 5	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY February 6	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY February 7	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY February 8	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY February 9	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 10	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Ballet/Adult Dance Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY February 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY February 12	10:30 am Worship