



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

March 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

"The eye is the lamp of the body." Matthew 6:22a

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-3)**

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Unison: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

***Hymn**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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Prayer of Confession

We come before you again praising you for all that is wonderful in life, but also bowing our head in recognition that not everything we do is nearly as bright or beautiful as it could be. When we are less that you have made us to be, forgive us for our shortcomings. When we erect visions of ourselves or others too high to ever be possible, forgive us again. Automatic failure is never your plan for anyone. Help us do as you do, look for the possible and take a step. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Unison: 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

Interlude

Time for Small Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, through your Holy Spirit you give us eyes that can see what is. Fill us as we open your word. We want to leave this place closer to you and pointed into the world in a direction that honors your love. Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 17:3-7

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

New Testament Reading – Romans 5:1-7

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Matthew 6:22-23

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Healthy Eyes”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: What makes you a child of God?

People: Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

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”

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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 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. Bless these gifts and the gifts of time and talent and of each other. May we see the ways to serve you that you created us for. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"God never said that the journey will be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile."* – Max Lucado

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Deacon Kathy Martin, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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We gather at the well of worship, where Jesus, our Living Water, quenches our thirst for love, life, hope, peace. Welcome.

(Prayer) Our souls are parched, Lord, like Israel in the wilderness and the woman at the well. Pour into us your forgiveness and love.

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.

The Wednesdays in March (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 Harry Bell and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 19 are Ed Goff and Joe Cantwell.

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 March-April 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: *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13.* Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” in our daily actions and decisions.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-5-2023</i>	37 - 29 in sanctuary + Approx. 8 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 3-5-2023	\$1,655.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$16,530.00
General amount given YTD as of 3-5-2023	\$19,555.85
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 3-5-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$4,236.20
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-5-2023	\$320.00
Kirk Receipts 2-26-23 to 3-4-23	\$1,096.05
Mission giving week of 3-5-2023	\$55.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-5-2023	\$630.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-5-2023	\$827.65

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

SUNDAY March 12	<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY March 13	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY March 14	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY March 15	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Small Group Study (Chapel) 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY March 16	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 17	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY March 18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY March 19	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship