



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Your Heavenly Father knows..." Matthew 6:32

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 130:1-4,7*)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

People: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Leader: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love...

Unison: ...and with him is full redemption.

***Hymn**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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Prayer of Confession

We know you know what you are doing, Lord. You are all wise. You have been around forever. You have seen it all. But there are times in which we feel so out of control. The fact that that is true does not help much. So, as we cope, forgive us of our anxious, ungrateful moments. Help us see grace, be grace and give grace. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's loving kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (*From Psalm 103*)

People: 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

We know that your truth is spiritually discerned. So we ask for your Spirit to be in our hearts guiding our thoughts. In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-6

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

New Testament Reading – Romans 8:9-11

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Matthew 6:25-34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Do Not Worry"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism**

Leader: What did God create?

People: God created all that is, seen and unseen.

Leader: What is special about human beings?

People: God made us, male and female, in the image of God.

Leader: What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

People: It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.

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

Dear Lord, Father and friend, we seek to strengthen our walk with you and together our witness to the world. Accept our gift of self, of talent and of money. Use them as light in the world. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us" - Augustine*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Tammi Tully, Liturgist

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“Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love” (Psalm 130:7). Welcome to worship, one and all.

(Prayer) Where we tend to see hopelessness in the world, O God, give us vision to see what you are doing — and to join your life-giving work.

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 family of Janet Maxwell would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone at First Presbyterian for all the thoughts and prayers and for the memorial contributions given in her name.

A **funeral service for Gert Mostert** will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 am at the MacArthur Funeral Home. Calling hours begin at 10:00 am.

We will be having an ecumenical **Maundy Thursday service** at Andes Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 6th at 7pm. This will be a Communion service.

On Saturday, April 15 at 4pm **Grace’s Touch** will be performing here at First Presbyterian. A brief bio of the group can be found on the last page of today’s Church Life as well as on the event posters.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Leo and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 2 are Kevin Lee and Art Maxwell.

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 “Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” *John 11:40*. Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend church and participate in church events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we open our hearts to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and become “partakers of the divine nature.”

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-19-2023</i>	40 - 33 in sanctuary + Approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 3-19-2023	\$677.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$19,836.00
General amount given YTD as of 3-19-2023	\$22,476.70
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 3-19-2023	\$10.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$5,083.44
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-19-2023	\$330.00
Kirk Receipts 3-12-23 to 3-18-23	\$1,324.86
Mission giving week of 3-19-2023	\$150.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-19-2023	\$800.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-19-2023	\$1,149.50

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

SUNDAY March 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY March 27	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY March 28	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY March 29	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)
THURSDAY March 30	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 10:00 am Security Assessment
FRIDAY March 31	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 April 1	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY April 2	9:45 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion

Grace's Touch – A Brief Bio

Mark and Ellen Edwards have been singing together since they were married in 1981 and as their children came along they joined in – even if only sitting on mommy's hip! They and their four children – Patricia, Nicole, Rebecca and Stephen make up the group now known as Grace's Touch.

Their ministry name was chosen "because of the touch of God's grace that brought each one of us personal salvation and God's grace that continues to sustain us."

Grace's Touch enjoys singing gospel songs in four-part family harmony and have sung in many different venues: churches, Gospel music festivals, nursing homes, senior housing, community centers, patriotic rallies, street festivals and the county fair. They have had several opportunities to sing out of state as well as out of the country!! (Sweden)

Albums:

"Because of Grace" 2006

"Reflections" 2011

"Car-Tunes" 2019

It is their prayer that through their songs and their spoken words the Gospel of salvation will be clear and believers will be encouraged with truths from God's word.