



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Second Sunday in Lent

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 121:1-4*)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

All: **indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

Prayer of Confession

We know you are with us, O Lord. And that is good. At times we seem so cut off. We know we can pick up the phone and we are truly grateful for the technology that keeps us together. But during Covid, we missed the "in person smile" and the small sounds of being together. Having gotten together again, we noticed things like the sound of the glass as we put it down and the noise of the chair moving just a little. So many small things, sights and sounds and smells, tell us we are with each other. Odd creatures that we are, having celebrated these, we are taking them for granted already. At night as we bring our day before you, remind us of the daily joys of being your people. In our hearts and minds, let us notice again and be grateful. You are the God who has made us one body. Forgive us for being too hurried to notice. Grant us the grace each day to remember so we can live as your grateful people. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

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

Prayer for Illumination

It is you who gives us the ability to hear your word rightly. Speak to each of us. Build us up by your word. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

New Testament Reading – Romans 4:1-5

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Where is Your Heart?"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – From the "Brief Statement of Faith"

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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"

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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**

Indeed you are the lord of all times and places, all people, all the earth. So you have given us lavishly from love of what you have made. We give back a bit of your wealth so others can come to know you and we can come to serve you more completely. You are our heavenly Father. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

"You Are My All in All"

#519

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.

***Closing Hymn**

"Kum ba Yah"

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***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."*—Hans Urs von Balthasar

Leading us in worship this morning:

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

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No matter our circumstances, “[our] help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:2). We gather to worship our loving Creator. Welcome.

(Prayer) It’s still winter ... but spring is near. It’s Lent ... but we’re pointed toward Easter. Keep us hopeful, Lord.

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 (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 Alex Cantwell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 12 are Harry Bell and Cullen LaFever.

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: *“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1.* God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow him, placing our complete trust in him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what Mother Teresa said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-26-2023</i>	46 - 41 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 2-26-2023	\$1,870.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$14,877.00
General amount given YTD as of 2-26-2023	\$17,900.85
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-26-2023	\$140.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,812.58
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-26-2023	\$300.00
Kirk Receipts 2-19-23 to 2-25-23 (<i>to earthquake relief</i>)	\$1,589.50
Mission giving week of 2-26-2023	\$50.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-26-2023	\$575.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-26-2023	\$827.65

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

SUNDAY March 5	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY March 6	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY March 7	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY March 8	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 9	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 10	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 11	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY March 12	<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship