



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Palm Sunday

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Matthew 21:9

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 31:9-12*)

Leader: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

People: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Leader: Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

Unison: I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

*Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#197

Prayer of Confession

This final Sunday of Lent we come to you singing, "Hosanna." You show us victory, betrayal, suffering and death. We like victory much better than those other experiences of life. But whether we like it or not, in our own way we experience all these things in our lives. You are more than Teacher: you are Emmanuel, God with us. For your forgiveness we give you thanks and praise. Lead us into the future you have prepared for us now and in eternity. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

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

Prayer for Illumination

We come to you in humility, expectation and love. Fill us with your truth. In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50:4-8

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious; I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

New Testament Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Left"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: Why, then, do we human beings often act in destructive and hateful ways?

People: Because we have turned away from God and fallen into sin.

Leader: What is sin?

People: Sin is closing our hearts to God and disobeying God's law.

Leader: What are the results of sin?

People: Our relationship with God is broken. All our relations with others are confused.

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**

We offer you a portion of what you have given us. We rejoice in your lavish care. Take these gifts and do extraordinary things with them. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn *"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"* **#192**

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 served in your pews by ushers, or you may use the individual elements that were provided on your way in this morning.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Closing Hymn** *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* **#196**

***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

Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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Hosanna in the highest! Welcome as we bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

(Prayer) We praise you, Jesus Messiah! Keep us faithful as we follow you, even to the cross.

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).

We are trying to get a list of the congregation's favorite hymns! We would love for you to add your input by filling out one of the **Favorite Hymn** forms, which can be found in the new narthex.

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

The **Good Friday "Walk of the Cross"** will start at noon at United Ministry, then proceed to the courthouse steps, then the old jail, then to St. John's and then to the cemetery entrance.

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.

We will have a **Family Movie Afternoon** on Sunday, April 16 starting at 1:30. We will be showing the movie The Prince of Egypt. There will be snacks and refreshments!

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Kevin Lee and Art Maxwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 9 are Alex Cantwell and Ed Goff.

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 *"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."* Matthew 27:32. The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-26-2023</i>	55 - 45 in sanctuary + Approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 3-26-2023	\$2,022.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$21,489.00
General amount given YTD as of 3-26-2023	\$24,498.70
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 3-26-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$5,507.06
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-26-2023	\$350.00
Kirk Receipts 3-19-23 to 3-25-23	\$1,208.92
Mission giving week of 3-26-2023	\$55.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-26-2023	\$855.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-26-2023	\$1,404.50

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

SUNDAY April 2	9:45 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY April 3	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY April 4	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i>
WEDNESDAY April 5	10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY April 6	9:00 am Kirk Work Day 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service (Andes UMC)
FRIDAY April 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel) 12:00 pm Walk of the Cross
SATURDAY April 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY April 9	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Flats Cemetery) 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship

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.