



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

*"Narrow Is the Gate" Matthew 7:11*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### Prelude

### Welcome and Church Life Notes

### Introit

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

### \*Call to Worship (Psalm 66:5-7)

Leader: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

People: He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.

Unison: He rules forever by his power; his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him.

### \*Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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### Prayer of Confession

Precious Lord, I do wish I used all that I know to serve you and bless others. If I did that, it would save us all a great deal of trouble. Most of what I need to remember in life I learned at my mother's knee. When she is right, help me to hear her and do it. Always guide me to act on what I know to be true. So often it is just the simpler way. I pray through Jesus Christ, our Leader, Friend and Redeemer. Amen.

*(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### \*Choral Response

*"Gloria Patri"*

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*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

*"Peace Like a River"*

arr. by Moore

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord of Heaven and Earth, you have revealed yourself to us. Let us be content to listen and be grateful for the gift. By your Spirit speak to our hearts, our minds and our strength. In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

## **Acts of the Apostles – Acts 17:22-28**

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘to an unknown god.’ So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

## **New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-15**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 7:13**

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*“Ok, So Why is the Gate Narrow, Mother”*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: What are the Ten Commandments?

**People: The Ten Commandments are the law of God. When God gave them to Moses, God said, I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery:**

- (1) You shall have no other gods before me.**
- (2) You shall not make for yourself an idol.**
- (3) You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**
- (4) Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- (5) Honor your father and your mother.**
- (6) You shall not murder.**
- (7) You shall not commit adultery.**
- (8) You shall not steal.**
- (9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- (10) You shall not covet what is your neighbor’s.**

## 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 call you Lord because you have gone before us, because you have a place for us and because we follow you. You gave. We give. Bless this moment of generosity. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

**\*Closing Hymn**                    *"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"*                    **#458**

### \*Charge to the Congregation

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"She has opened her mouth with wisdom, with loving instruction on her tongue."*  
—Proverbs 31:26 NET

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

May 14, 2023

Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — thank God for you!

*(Prayer)* God of strong and tender love, thank you for those who have shown us your love in motherly ways, and for the opportunities we have to care for others.

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).

The third **Healthy Congregations workshop** is next Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00pm in the chapel. The workshops are being led by Mark Montford and Doug Horne of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Joe Cantwell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 21 are Alex Cantwell and Tom Leo.

**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 May-June 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** *“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.”*  
*1 Peter 3:17.* The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we recognize that things don’t always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-7-2023</i>	45 - 42 in sanctuary + Approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 5-7-2023	\$1,942.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$31,407.00
General amount given YTD as of 5-7-2023	\$34,772.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 5-7-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$8,048.78
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-7-2023	\$505.00
Kirk Receipts 4-30-23 to 5-6-23	\$1,844.42
Mission giving week of 5-7-2023	\$55.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-7-2023	\$1,220.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-7-2023	\$1,556.40

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> May 14	<b><i>Mother's Day</i></b> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b> May 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:30 pm MWS Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Morgan Stanley 2023 Review Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 19	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)
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 21	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship