



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

*"Beware of False Prophets" Matthew 7:15*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

#### \*Call to Worship (*Psalm 68:1-3*)

Leader: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

People: **May you blow them away like smoke—as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

Unison: **But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.**

#### \*Hymn

*"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Lord, we want to follow you into tomorrow. Save us from following those who speak comfortable words without meaning. Open our ears to those who speak your truth. And when we give into the temptation to support those who are false, redeem us from our weakness. Forgive us and free us to live by your path. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### \*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

#### Interlude

#### Time for Small Disciples

## Prayer for Illumination

**Giver of truth and of wisdom, we thank you for your word. We thank you for your Spirit. Open our hearts to your presence. Guide us with your light to the place you are calling us. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

## Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading – John 17:1-5

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

## Message Reading – Matthew 7:15-20

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"Wolves – Fruit?"*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: What is the main point of these commandments?

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: Did the people keep their covenant with God?

**People: Though some remained faithful, the people too often worshiped other gods and did not love each other as God commanded. They showed us how much we all disobey God's law.**

## 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

Our father Abraham has taught us to trust you. Our mother Sarah stepped out in faith. We sit and stand and sing today, 3,500 years later, because you are faithful. In an unreliable age, we thank you for being trustworthy. Use our stuff and our lives, Lord. In His Name, Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

### \*Closing Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

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### \*Charge to the Congregation

### \*Benediction

## Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom."* —Charles Spurgeon

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Elder Barb Thompson, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

**May 21, 2023**

In John 17, Jesus prays that his Father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship.

*(Prayer)* As you, Jesus, sent your disciples out as witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and beyond, send us as witnesses in our neighborhood, city, region and beyond.

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 this Wednesday 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 Alex Cantwell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 28 are Harry Bell and Art Maxwell.

**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** *"I am praying for them."* John 17:9. Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts he has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-14-2023</i>	36 - 31 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 5-14-2023	\$2,082.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$33,060.00
General amount given YTD as of 5-14-2023	\$36,854.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 5-14-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$8,472.40
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-14-2023	\$525.00
Kirk Receipts 5-7-23 to 5-13-23	\$1,325.31
Mission giving week of 5-14-2023	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-14-2023	\$1,245.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-14-2023	\$1,556.40

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>May 21</b>	<b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>May 22</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>May 23</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>May 24</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b> <b>4:00 pm Kirk Meeting</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>6:00 pm Healthy Congregations Workshop</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>May 25</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>May 26</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>May 27</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>May 28</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>