



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

June 18, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Third Sunday After Pentecost

*"...he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."  
Matthew 7:29*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Church Life Notes

#### Introit

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#### \*Call to Worship (Psalm 112:1-2, 13-14)

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

People: **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

#### \*Hymn

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

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#### Prayer of Confession

I don't like to be told what to do. I don't care who says it, I just don't like it. Even if it is for my own good, I don't like it. Most progress in human affairs has come from our refusal to accept what is. Just because it has always been that way, not everything old is bad and not everything new is good. So help us to remember that you have been teaching us how to live well and be a blessing for thousands of years. Forgive us when we are arrogant. Help us learn from our mistakes. Celebrate with us what is right. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

*(1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)*

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

#### Anthem

*"Father, I Adore You"*

by Coelho

#### \*Hymn

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

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## Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts to your authority in our lives. We know that you put a little contrarian in each of us. We resist authority. You gave us a hunger for approval so we want to please. As a result, we have a push-pull in our hearts. This tension between Yes and No is a gift causing us to stop and consider. Even when we try to follow you, though, we can get caught up in this “Yes/No” of life. Help us to use your gifts the way you intend us to use them. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Message Reading – Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*“Authority”*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: What was Jesus like?

**People: When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When he acted, he acted with God's power. The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving. He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for the sheep.**

Leader: What did he do during his life on earth?

**People: He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.**

## 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

**You have promised to be with us to the end of life, then you opened the door to the life to come. We fuss at ourselves, you embrace our hearts. So whether lonely or discouraged, you are our savior. Take these gifts of gratitude and our whole life too and use them for your purposes. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

#### \*Closing Hymn

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

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#### \*Charge to the Congregation

#### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God."* —Alistair Begg

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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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## First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York June 18, 2023

A blessed third Sunday after Pentecost to all, and Happy Father's Day to dads and father-figures. Welcome to worship.

*(Prayer)* Loving God, we pray today for all fathers and father-figures enjoying this day, and for anyone finding this a tough day. May everyone know you as the good and gracious Father of us all.

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 will have a **Mission Studies meeting** at 6pm on Wednesday (the 21<sup>st</sup>) in the Chapel. There will be light snacks.

Our Christian Education program for **Vacation Bible School** will be held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration & making nametags will begin at 5:15pm and VBS schedule will run from 5:30 – 7:30pm. We are in need of a few more extra set of eyes, ears, and hands to assist with crafts, games, and snacks. Regulations state that we need at least one adult per three children. We usually do not know how many children we will have until registration on any given night, so any one that is available, we would greatly appreciate the help. Please contact Tammi Tully @ 607-376-1119 for the times and schedule of events.

Beginning Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm in the Chapel, Pastor Jamie will be offering six sessions entitled **“Toolbox for Living”** on why—left to ourselves—we tend to drive ourselves slightly nuts. We will look at anxiety, resentment, negativity, loneliness, confusion, and Spiritual exhaustion. God has made a provision in Scripture, prayer and meditation for confidence, freedom, trust in tomorrow, deep fellowship, clarity and refreshment. Come and learn how to uses God's gifts for yourself. Once you have the right tools, you can offer them to people you know. It is a good thing to have a toolbox with just the right things in it to love the people you know in ways that build the up. God's gifts are a fabulous “Toolbox for Living” life as God designed us to live. Bring a friend. There is no charge, though there will be a freewill offering at the end. The proceeds will go to the Church General Fund.

On Sunday, July 30 from 1pm to 3pm we will be having a **Summer Train Ride**, departing from 136 East Main St. in Milford. Some food, snacks and water will be available for purchase, or you can bring your own lunch. Some musical entertainment will be provided by Darcy Gibson and family.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Art Maxwell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on June 25 are Harry Bell and Alex Cantwell.

**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 you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” *Matthew 10:7*. Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to “repent.” Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with him in Heaven forever, but he also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we grow in friendship with God and live our discipleship out of love for him.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 6-11-2023</i>	43 - 40 in sanctuary + Approx. 3 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 6-11-2023	\$2,202.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$39,672.00
General amount given YTD as of 6-11-2023	\$42,573.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 6-11-2023	\$30.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$10,166.88
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 6-11-2023	\$1,390.00
Kirk Receipts 6-4-23 to 6-10-23	\$1,299.15
Mission giving week of 6-11-2023	\$60.00
Mission giving YTD as of 6-11-2023	\$1,415.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 6-11-2023	\$1,596.40

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>June 18</b>	<b><i>Father's Day</i></b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>June 19</b>	<b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>6:30 pm MWS Committee Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>June 20</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>June 21</b>	<b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b> <b>4:00 pm Piano Recital (Sanctuary)</b> <b>6:00 pm Mission Studies Meeting (Chapel)</b> <b>7:00 pm Trustees Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>June 22</b>	<b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>June 23</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>June 24</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>June 25</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>