

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

July 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“...[Caiaphas] prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation” John 11:51

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD



Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bells “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “God Bless America” arr. by McChesney

*Call to Worship (Psalm 13)

Leader: How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

People: How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Leader: Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

People: and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

Leader: But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Unison: I will sing the Lord’s praise, for he has been good to me.

***Hymn** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” #265

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, Father of All Nations, you have always worked through both individuals and their countries. You have worked through City/States, though Monarchies, though Republics, though... well every form of corporate decision making we have devised. Your love will not be stopped by forms or ideologies. But your intentions can be and often are twisted out of shape by willful, greedy people. Help us to be one of those who maintain the health of society. Help us to be wise in our involvements. And we pause to both thank you for our country and pray for its renewal. We have been prosperous for so long that many people have concluded that you are not necessary in their lives. We pray for a renewal of faith and personal commitment to the Ten Commandments, which has stood us in good stead for over two centuries. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God, our Savior, wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. (1 Timothy 2:3-6a)

People: Thanks 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

Anthem - Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. by Mabry

Prayer for Illumination

Why is it, Lord, that when something works well there are always those who are critical or jealous or simply destructive. We understand that countries compete with each other for control of resources and that we are one of the most successful competitors. Of course, those who do not have our resources seek ways to level the playing field. We even recognize that there are ways in which you level the playing field. So open our hearts to what is right about our country. Help us see what can be improved. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-8

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 11:48-54

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life. Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

Leader: God's Word for Today. **People: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism**

Leader: How did Jesus Christ prove to be our Savior?

People: He sacrificed his life for us by dying on the cross. He showed his victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.

Leader: How do we know that Jesus is Lord?

People: After he died and was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, both women and men. He revealed himself to them as our living Lord and Savior. Through the Bible, he continues to reveal himself to us today.

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 - Choir

"Let God Love You"

by Turner

***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 come to you today blessed by generations before us who came to this land and carved out a new home for themselves. Many were resolved to make this place more pleasing to you than the place they left. We have inherited a good and Godly history. Help us to live that heritage in all that we do. Use us and our gifts to your work. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table**Communion Hymn**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

#331

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**

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

#338

Charge to the Congregation**Benediction****Postlude – Bells**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

arr. by Osman

Thought for the Day: “Get up, get dressed, open the door, pray, ‘Where do you want me to go today?’ and listen.”—Unknown

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Ed Furgol, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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As our nation prepares to celebrate its independence, we praise God for the freedom to gather for worship. Welcome to all.

(Prayer) Whether our prayer today is “How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?” or “Our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation” (Psalm 13:1,5), you hear us, God. Thank you.

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 be having a **brunch after worship** today – please stay and join us in fellowship!

Our Christian Education program for **Vacation Bible School** will be held on Tuesday, July 11th thru Thursday, July 13th. 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 use 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 them 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.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Joe Cantwell and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on July 9 are Tom Leo and Tom Little.

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. If you plan to come, please contact Barb Thompson with the number of people you will be bringing. Her number is 607-829-6005.

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 **July-August Courier** and our **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 "...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." *Matthew 10:38*. Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts *me* first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we use our gifts in the way that God intended for us.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 6-25-2023	42 - 35 in sanctuary + Approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 6-25-2023	\$981.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$42,978.00
General amount given YTD as of 6-25-2023	\$44,624.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 6-25-2023	\$110.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$11,014.12
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 6-25-2023	\$1,500.00
Kirk Receipts 6-18-23 to 6-24-23	\$1,399.04
Mission giving week of 6-24-2023	\$30.00
Mission giving YTD as of 6-24-2023	\$1,445.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 6-24-2023	\$1,596.40

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



Toolbox for Living

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Please let the church office know that you are coming (607-746-2155) or email Pastor Jamie Tyrrell at Jamie.Tyrrell@fpcdelhi.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Delhi - 4 Clinton St, Delhi
Wednesdays at 6:00pm - July 19 and 26, August 2, 9, 16 and 23

SUNDAY July 2	8:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:45 am Brunch After Worship
MONDAY July 3	<i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY July 4	<i>Office Closed in observance of Independence Day</i>
WEDNESDAY July 5	1:00 pm Bill Oliver Celebration of Life
THURSDAY July 6	9:00 am Kirk Work Day 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 1:30 pm Yoga
FRIDAY July 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY July 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY July 9	9:30 am Worship