



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

July 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The Light Is Life... John 1:4

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Midnight on the Water"

Luke Thomasson

***Call to Worship (Psalm 139:1-4)**

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Unison: Before a word is on my tongue, you—Lord—know it completely.

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, lover of our Souls, we confess that we look for salvation in all the wrong places. When we do, call us back. When we realize what we are doing, help us with our shame. When we walk in the light, may we always know the constancy of your love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 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. (*Romans 5:6-8*)

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

***Hymn**

"Take My Life"

#697

Interlude

"Wade in the Water"

Traditional

Prayer for Illumination

The light of your love is within us. We pray that you increase that light until it is all we can see. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 85:11-17

Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did. Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 44:6-7

“This is what the Lord says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – John 1:4-5

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Toolbox for Living #2: “The Light Shines”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: What happened on the day of Pentecost?

People: When the first Christians met together in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit came upon them like a mighty wind. They all began to speak in different languages. A crowd gathered in astonishment. Peter preached to them the gospel.

Leader: What is the gospel?

People: The gospel is the good news about Jesus. It promises us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life because of him. Forgiveness and eternal life with God are what we mean by salvation.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

“The Water is Wide”

Traditional

*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

You have been with us this last week. You have calmed our souls, shown us what love means and thanked us for our faithfulness. We are happy for the privilege to give. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Be Still My Soul"

#819

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."* —C.S. Lewis

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Darcy & Jackie Gibson, Guest Musicians

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Tom Tyrrell, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ. Peace be with you all.

(Prayer) We thank you, Holy Spirit, for cultivating our lives to bear good fruit that serves your kingdom.

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 second session of Pastor Jamie's "**Toolbox for Living**" will take place this Wednesday, July 26 at 6pm in the Chapel. Come and learn how to use God's gifts for yourself. 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.

We will have a table at **Fair on the Square** this Friday for selling baked goods. We need your help with providing items! Please plan to bring your baked items to the Square by 5:00pm so they can be sold. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Renee Maxwell.

Worship on Sunday, July 30 will be a **combined service at Cabin Hill Presbyterian Church** at 9:30 am. The church is located at 7615 County Rd 2, Delancey, NY. There will be no virtual option, nor will there be any service here at FPC Delhi that morning.

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 **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Art Maxwell and Ed Goff. The Trustees responsible for counting on July 30 are Harry Bell and Joe 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.

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 *“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” Matthew 13:24, 37-38.* As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may allow stewardship to blossom in our hearts and joyfully share our gifts.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 7-16-2023</i>	35 - 31 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 7-16-2023	\$1,139.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$47,937.00
General amount given YTD as of 7-16-2023	\$49,305.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 7-16-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$12,284.98
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-16-2023	\$1,615.00
Kirk Receipts 7-9-23 to 7-15-23	\$1,531.25
Mission giving week of 7-16-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 7-16-2023	\$1,490.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 7-16-2023	\$1,696.40

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

SUNDAY July 23	9:30 am Worship
MONDAY July 24	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY July 25	
WEDNESDAY July 26	6:00 pm Toolbox for Living
THURSDAY July 27	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY July 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY July 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY July 30	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship at Cabin Hill Presbyterian 1:00 pm Summer Train Ride



Toolbox for Living

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.

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

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Wednesdays at 6:00pm - July 19 and 26, August 2, 9, 16 and 23