



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

July 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

*"...Love... as I have loved you." John 13:34*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1-4)**

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**Unison: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

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**Prayer of Confession**

Dear Jesus, I confess that I like the "you love me" part, but I am not crazy about my loving some others as you have loved me. Really? They are difficult. Perhaps they had hurt me in the past. It is just difficult. So forgive me when I ignore your command and prefer my perceptions. Lift me up and free me to be as you created me to be. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

**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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

You have given us the Spirit, the Spirit of truth and of your love. You open our eyes to the meaning of your words, so as we open the Word this morning, guide our ears and our hearts. We want to see you. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

## Epistle Reading – Romans 7:15-18, 21-25

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out...

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Message Reading – John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"The New Command"*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **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.**

## 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

We come with gifts of love because you came in love for us. Bless what we do, what we give and who we are. We want to love with your love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

## \*Closing Hymn

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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## \*Charge to the Congregation

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Joy is the infallible proof of the presence of God."*—Madeline L'engle

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Trustee Kevin Lee, Liturgist

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## First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

July 9, 2023

Welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen.

*(Prayer)* Ever aware of our flaws and failures, as we prepare for worship we pray with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who delivers [us] through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25, NIV).

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).

**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 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 Tom Leo and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on July 16 are Kevin Lee and Alex Cantwell.

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** *“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:30.* When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when he calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All he is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what he has already given to us.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of his gifts to help build his kingdom of earth.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 7-2-2023</i>	44 - 40 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 7-2-2023	\$1,671.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$44,631.00
General amount given YTD as of 7-2-2023	\$46,295.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 7-2-2023	\$30.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$11,437.74
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-2-2023	\$1,530.00
Kirk Receipts 6-25-23 to 7-1-23	\$1,345.94
Mission giving week of 7-2-2023	\$35.00
Mission giving YTD as of 7-2-2023	\$1,480.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 7-2-2023	\$1,696.40

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> July 9	9:30 am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b> July 10	9:00 am Kirk Work Day 9:00 am Carpet Cleaning in Church 5:30 pm Session Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> July 11	5:15 pm VBS Registration 5:30 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> July 12	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:15 pm VBS Registration 5:30 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 13	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 1:30 pm Yoga 5:15 pm VBS Registration 5:30 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 14	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 15	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 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> July 16	<i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:30 am Worship



## 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](mailto: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**