



**The First Presbyterian Church  
Delhi, New York**

**August 20, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"The heart is devious above all else..." Jeremiah 17:9*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 133:1-3)**

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Unison: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**\*Hymn**

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

**#35**

**Prayer of Confession (Let us read together)**

Lord of Light, Author of wisdom, I confess that at times I do not understand myself. I say and do things that conflict with what I believe is right. I feel things that are so out of place. And at times I am utterly confused. And yet you want me to understand my life and my relationships. You want me to know how to bless others. So, I turn to you in my confusion. I confess my need for your light. My heart is just too full, and my soul is being pushed about in too many directions. I open my heart to you and pray for your leading. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*(Romans 6:23)*

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.

**\*Hymn**

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

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## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

What you have to say is so sensible, but your words can be at cross purposes with our sense of what is right. So we need your presence to be able to see your truth. We pray for light. In Christ's Name, Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 56:6-8**

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:10-14**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Interlude**

### **Message Reading – Jeremiah 17:9-10**

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*"The Heart is Deceitful"*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Leader: How do we know this good news?

**People: Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible, and helps us rely on its promises today.**

Leader: What else does the Holy Spirit do for the church?

**People: The Spirit gathers us to worship God, builds us up in faith, hope and love, and sends us into the world to proclaim the gospel and to work for justice and peace.**

### **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”*

**#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 given us eyes that see, ears that hear and an understanding heart. So we come and celebrate and give of our money, our heart and our strength. Bless what we offer, whether word or deed, so we can participate in your rebuilding of the world. In Christ’s Name, Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

**\*Closing Hymn**

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

**#269**

**\*Charge to the Congregation**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *“Do not judge others, we do not know the battles they face. Love and be kind, for it costs nothing.” —Henrietta Newton Martin*

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Leading us in worship this morning:  
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Resting Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29, NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life.

*(Prayer)* Dear Jesus, help us listen for your voice during this time of worship. Amen.

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).

Presbytery's Committee on Ministry has approved our **creating a PNC**. We will be having a special meeting soon to elect a committee and endorse the Mission Study.

The next session of Pastor Jamie's "**Toolbox for Living**" will take place this Wednesday, August 23 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 be returning to our fall schedule in September. **Worship will begin at 10:30 on September 3.**

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Kevin Lee and Ed Goff. The Trustees responsible for counting on August 27 are Tom Little and Harry Bell.

**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** "*For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.*" Romans 11:29. God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that he has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of his work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we may show our gratitude for God's great gifts through our active participation in the ministry of God's Church.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-13-2023</i>	38 - 38 in sanctuary + 0 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 8-13-2023	\$1,223.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$54,549.00
General amount given YTD as of 8-13-2023	\$55,448.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 8-13-2023	\$30.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$13,979.46
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-13-2023	\$1,825.00
Kirk Receipts 8-6-23 to 8-12-23	\$1,024.70
Mission giving week of 8-13-2023	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-13-2023	\$1,635.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-13-2023	\$1,696.40

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

<b>SUNDAY August 20</b>	<b><i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY August 21</b>	<b><i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:30 pm MWS Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY August 22</b>	<b><i>Darcy on Vacation</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY August 23</b>	<b><i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 6:00 pm Toolbox for Living</b>
<b>THURSDAY August 24</b>	<b><i>Darcy on Vacation</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY August 25</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)</b>
<b>SATURDAY August 26</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY August 27</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship</b>