

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

**August 27, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"This other helper is the spirit of truth..." John 14:17*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 124:6-8)**

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Unison: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**\*Hymn**

*"We Gather Together"*

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

We know that we have one foot in the world and another in your heaven. There is nothing like our response to stress. It is a gift to get us started, but we know we need to learn to turn loose of it once we have done what is needed. Like pain after an injury, it is a call to action. Once we have done what can be done, we take a pill and ignore the pain best we can. And once the situation is resolved, with your help we experience amazing joy. But the foot we have in the world always worries the pain will continue forever. The foot we have in heaven says, "It will be ok." Help us hear your voice that shows us the way forward. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

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**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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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 51:15-16

“For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is his name. I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand—I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

### New Testament Reading – Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Interlude

### Message Reading – John 14:15-17

‘If you love me,’ he went on, ‘you will keep my commands. And I will ask the father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever. This other helper is the spirit of truth. The world can't receive him, because it doesn't see him or know him. But you know him, because he lives with you, and will be in you.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*“The Joy of Stress”*

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Leader: Why do Christians gather for worship on the first day of the week?

**People: Because it is the day when God raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. When we gather weekly on that day, the Spirit makes our hearts glad with the memory of our Lord's resurrection.**

Leader: What do we do in Christian worship?

**People: We adore and praise God. We pray, sing hymns, and listen to readings from the Bible. We also give offerings to God for the work of the church, and commit ourselves to serve God and our neighbors. Above all, we hear the preaching of the gospel and celebrate the sacraments.**

## 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 call for us to bless the world. Take these gifts we bring and use them to do exactly that. You love the world and send us out to embrace it and heal it. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

#### \*Closing Hymn

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

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#### \*Charge to the Congregation

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"From the world's perspective, there are many places you can go to find comfort. But there is only one place you will find a hand to catch your tears and a heart to listen to your every longing. True peace comes only from God." —Charles Stanley*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Gia Cantwell, Liturgist

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# First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York August 27, 2023

Welcome to worship and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ. I invite you to greet those around you in the peace of the Lord.

*(Prayer)* "We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts... for your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (*Psalm 138:1-2*).

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 deadline for newsletter submissions for the Sept-Oct Courier is tomorrow, Monday, August 28. If you have anything you want included, please get it to Darcy by the end of business tomorrow.

We will be returning to our fall schedule next Sunday. **Worship will begin at 10:30 on September 3.**

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 **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 3 are Joe Cantwell and Art Maxwell.

**Today 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** "*Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?*" *Romans 11:35*. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - he already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in his image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

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

*Due to my vacation I am creating this bulletin a week in advance, therefore I do not have the financial data or attendance information for Sunday, August 20. I will include all the information from 8/20/23 in next week's Church Life. – Darcy*

<b>SUNDAY</b> August 27	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b> August 28	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>TUESDAY</b> August 29	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> August 30	10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)
<b>THURSDAY</b> August 31	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>FRIDAY</b> September 1	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
<b>SATURDAY</b> September 2	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> September 3	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship with Communion