



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

*"How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him...
Praise the Lord." Psalm 147:1, 20c*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*Call to Worship

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

People: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the Lord grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

People; He covers the sky with clouds, he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Unison: Praise the Lord. Amen.

*Song

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Geibel, Duffield, Mauldin

*Stand up stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, his army shall he lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day
Ye that are brave now serve him, against unnumbered foes
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.*

*Stand up stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song
To him who overcometh, a crown of life shall be
He with the King of Glory, shall reign eternally.*

Prayer of Confession

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your son, our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In full assurance of faith, let us confess our sins to our gracious God. Loving God, we approach your holy presence to admit that we need your gracious forgiveness. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Anthem

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

by Behnke

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, give us light to guide us. When we are worried about what the future may bring, when we don't know where to turn: Lord, give us the light of your Peace.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 112:1-9

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Praise the Lord, for His Power is Endless"

Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

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*Affirmation of Faith – The First Catechism

Leader: Why did God make you and all things?

People: **For his own glory.**

Leader: How can you glorify God?

People: **By loving and doing what he commands.**

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Leader: And God can bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Your gift is a seed that will reap a harvest of blessings for you and others.

All: The Lord will always provide.

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/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

The Earth is the Lord's, and all therein. All we have we have in trust from our creator. So return some of what is already yours in hope that you will bless the gift and build people up. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Song

"God of Love and God of Power"

Kennedy, Neander

*God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

*We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

*All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

*God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else.” —Charles Spurgeon*

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Susie Little, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship. May God's love be made known to you during your time shared here today.

(Prayer) "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31). When we are weak, God, thank you for your promises that give us hope.

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).

Our **mission focus for February** is the CWS Tools and Blankets program.

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 **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Harry Bell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 11 are Alex Cantwell and Cullen LaFever.

Annual Reports and **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 *“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38.* In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives his time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before he begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what he wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from him.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2024 has been set at \$45.90 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-28-2024</i>	50 - 40 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 1-28-2024	\$2,795.95
General amount needed year-to-date	\$7,036.32
General amount given YTD as of 1-28-2024	\$8,686.55
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 1-28-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,346.16
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-28-2024	\$225.00
Kirk Receipts 1-21-24 to 1-27-24	\$1,208.73
Mission giving week of 1-28-2024	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-28-2024	\$105.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-28-2024	\$367.55

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

SUNDAY February 4	<i>Pastor Jamie Away 1/29 to 2/15</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY February 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY February 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY February 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)
THURSDAY February 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY February 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY February 11	9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship