



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

March 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Third Sunday in Lent

“Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 19:1-4*)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Leader: They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

People: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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Prayer of Confession

Your acceptance, O Lord, brings us together. Breaking down the barriers, you free us to embrace differences, celebrate similarities, see the hearts of others and cooperate in ways that bring blessing to the world you love. Your love gives us the courage to acknowledge our own shortcomings. In humility, we can see beyond the shortcomings of others. You free us to see what can be. You are our amazing Lord. We ask for forgiveness when we reassure ourselves at other's expense. We also ask for forgiveness when we use or advantages to harm others. We are confident in the answer not because of our worth but because of your character. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. (*1 Thessalonians 5:9-10*)

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

Interlude

Report on Her Niece's Medical Mission to Kenya – Nancy Morley

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Hebrew Scriptures – Exodus 20:1-17 (*The Ten Commandments*)

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Gospel Reading – John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Ruth 1:15-16

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

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**

How you bless and multiply our simple gifts. Take these and bless the world. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

“As the Deer”

#626

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

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

Distribution

Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

#839

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” —Deuteronomy 31:8*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Mary Conklin, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care and share his love with others.

(Prayer) Jesus, when you overturn our priorities like tables in the temple, help us see that your aim is to turn us back to our loving God.

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 FLOWERS this week are given by **Margie Jones** in memory of her sister **Lois Dickson Palin**.

Our **mission focus for March** is One Great Hour of Sharing.

Voice of the Martyrs is presenting "I Am 'N'," a Documentary about courage in the shadow of Radical Islam. It is this Friday at 8 pm. I expect to watch it in the manse, but may move it to the church, so please let me or Darcy know if you would like to attend.

Save the Date - March 17, 2024 The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Potato Cook Off!** Bring your favorite potato dish to share with everyone! Bring your taste buds and try all the potato dishes and pick your favorite! You don't have to enter in order to taste, so come one and all to share in some yummy potato dishes and fellowship! March 17 after church in the chapel. Hope to see you there!

On Tuesday, April 9 at 5:00pm, Joe Weaver will be leading a **discussion on the proposed bylaw changes discussed at the Annual Meeting**. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, April 8th.

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 Alex Cantwell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 10 are Harry Bell and Cullen LaFever.

The March-April Courier 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 "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4. How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-18-2024</i>	47 - 41 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 2-18-2024	\$1,214.15
General amount needed year-to-date	\$12,313.56
General amount given YTD as of 2-18-2024	\$12,280.70
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 2-18-2024	\$300.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,355.78
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-18-2024	\$525.00
Kirk Receipts 2-11-24 to 2-17-24	\$1,138.17
Mission giving week of 2-18-2024	\$125.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-18-2024	\$490.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-18-2024	\$411.50
<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-25-2024</i>	64 - 55 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 2-25-2024	\$1,365.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$14,072.64
General amount given YTD as of 2-25-2024	\$13,645.70
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 2-25-2024	\$65.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,692.32
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-25-2024	\$590.00
Kirk Receipts 2-18-24 to 2-24-24 (for Girl Scouts)	\$2,771.16
Mission giving week of 2-25-2024	\$20.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-25-2024	\$510.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-25-2024	\$591.50

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

SUNDAY March 3	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY March 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
TUESDAY March 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY March 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY March 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 8	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 March 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 10	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship