



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

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*"...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith."
Galatians 3:26*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 107:1-3)**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Unison: those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

***Hymn**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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Prayer of Confession

Amazing Creator and Sustainer of all, when you look at us you don't see important or useless, great or common. We create all this foolishness as a result of our sin. And it comes back to bite us. Rather you see "Dearly Beloved." When we doubt our own value, remind us of the ways you treasure us. When we doubt the value of others, remind us that you died for them as well. By your spirit help us confess and move on. 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

You call us your beloved children. You call us your kingdom of Priests. Open our eyes to who we are and who the people we live with are. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Hebrew Scriptures – Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Do I Count? Do You Count?”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

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”

#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 gave. We give. You love. We love. Made in your image, we reflect your nature in all of our relationships. By your grace, may we reflect that love well. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

#370

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: “My heart is the chamber where God lives.” —Anonymous

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Gia Cantwell, Liturgist

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“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). May you sense that divine love through this time of worship. Welcome.

(Prayer) As Nicodemus did, we bring all our questions to you, Jesus. Thank you for welcoming us — and our quandaries — always.

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 March** is One Great Hour of Sharing.

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!

The Kirk will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

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 Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 17 are Ed Goff and Kathy Beveridge.

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 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - John 3:16.* Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts, that we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our congregation and greater Church.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may show our gratitude for Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-3-2024</i>	44 - 40 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 3-3-2024	\$2,098.90
General amount needed year-to-date	\$15,831.72
General amount given YTD as of 3-3-2024	\$15,744.60
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 3-3-2024	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,028.86
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-3-2024	\$690.00
Kirk Receipts 2-25-24 to 3-2-24	\$1,311.18
Mission giving week of 3-3-2024	\$1.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-3-2024	\$511.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-3-2024	\$682.40

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

SUNDAY March 10	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY March 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY March 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY March 13	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY March 14	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 15	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
SATURDAY March 16	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 17	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Potato Cook-Off