



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

**March 24, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday**

*"The Lord is with me." Psalm 118:7*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*"Filled with Excitement"*

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 118:5-7)**

Leader: When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place.

People: **The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?**

Unison: **The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.**

**\*Hymn**

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

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**Prayer of Confession**

You came in all humility to proclaim a great truth. You came surrounded by your good deeds and those who loved you. You were right in what you said and what you did. You frightened the leadership of your country. But you were willing to do what had to be done. And you did it in love. For us and for them. Help us to do the same. Forgive us when fear gets the upper hand. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. *(John 6:39)*

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**

**Anthem**

*"The Palms"*

by Faure

**Prayer for Illumination**

Help us to hear rightly what you are saying to us. We want to show the world your freedom in a time that fears much. But our witness begins with understanding what Jesus did and why. So by your Spirit calm our anxieties and warm our hearts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Hebrew Scriptures – Genesis 3:6-10

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

## Gospel Reading – John 11:45-48

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Message Reading – John 11:49-53

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"Fearful Living"*

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"*

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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 showed the greatest love that anyone can show. You died for your friends. And you did it while we were still in our sins. Then as you were crucified, you showed us that nothing in this life or the next can separate you from us. We give what we do in hopes that we remember and others learn your truth. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

#### \*Closing Hymn

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

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**\*Charge to the Congregation**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works"* —James H. Taylor

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.

*(Prayer)* We pray for growth in faith to follow you, Lord, through both cross-like and resurrection-like times in our lives.

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.

There will be a **combined Maundy Thursday service** at Andes Presbyterian Church on March 28 at 7:00pm

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

**The March to the Cross will start at United Ministry at noon on Good Friday.**

**Note from Pastor Jamie** – Bessie and I were amazed at the movie Cabrini, the story of the first Roman Catholic Public Saint in America. Working among immigrant Italians in NY city around 1890 she built an "empire of hope" that stretched around the world. It is playing at the Southside Mall in Oneonta and well worth the time to watch.

**The discussion meeting that was originally scheduled for April 9 has been moved to April 25 at 7:00pm.** This meeting will be for the purposes of discussing whether changes should be made to the bylaws in order to not overwork or overburden our officers while many leaders are serving on the PNC.

**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 Tom Little and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 24 are Tom Leo and Alex Cantwell.

**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** *“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – Mark 15:12-13* Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-17-2024</i>	43 - 36 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 3-17-2024	\$1,544.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$19,349.88
General amount given YTD as of 3-17-2024	\$19,883.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 3-17-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,701.94
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-17-2024	\$690.00
Kirk Receipts 3-10-24 to 3-16-24	\$1,389.30
Mission giving week of 3-17-2024	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-17-2024	\$511.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-17-2024	\$919.20

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



**HOLY WEEK**

**3/28 - Maundy Thursday** 7:00pm - Combined Service at Andes Presbyterian Church

**3/29 - Good Friday** 12:00 pm - March to the Cross, starts at United Ministry

**3/31 - Sunrise Service** 6:30am - Old Flats Cemetery

**3/31 - Easter Worship** 10:30am - Virtual & Sanctuary

<b>SUNDAY</b> March 24	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b> March 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>TUESDAY</b> March 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b> March 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Combined Service (Andes Pres.)
<b>FRIDAY</b> March 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class 12:00 pm March to the Cross (starts at United Ministry)
<b>SATURDAY</b> March 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
<b>SUNDAY</b> March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Flats Cemetery) 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship