



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

"Delivered from the Fear of Death." Hebrews 2:15 (paraphrased)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"You Are My All in All"

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 23*)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

People: he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil. My cup overflows.

Unison: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

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Prayer of Confession

You have come down from heaven to dwell with us for a while. You show us that you are our brother. Your Father is our Father. Because we live in a broken world, we have problems. When we remember your ministry and our ministry, our struggles seem light and momentary. You also came to assure us of our salvation. But we sometimes hear ourselves or others say things like, "I hope I go to heaven." When we don't make the connection between your being with us and our invitation to eternity, save us from our failure to connect the dots. You want us to be at peace concerning our welcome in Heaven so we have no fear of being left out in the end. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. (*Isaiah 12:2*)

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

"Because He Lives"

arr. by Schrader

Prayer for Illumination

You have spoken plainly enough. It is just that things get a bit muddled at times inside. So, we ask for your help. Move the truth of your Word into our hearts in such a way as to drive out senseless fear. Replace it with the assurance of your love that restores our minds and hearts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Acts of the Apostles – Acts 4:5-12

On the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Ca'iaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Hebrews 2:14-16

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, *Jesus* himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that *Jesus* is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Better Life 3, No Fear of Death"

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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*Prayer of Dedication

What is the Truth that Jesus' death proclaims? We are - delivered from death. Released from bondage. Free to rejoice. Of course we give. You are the Good Shepherd. We want the world to know. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

William D. Longstaff

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"We must remember that the shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor."* —Charles Stanley

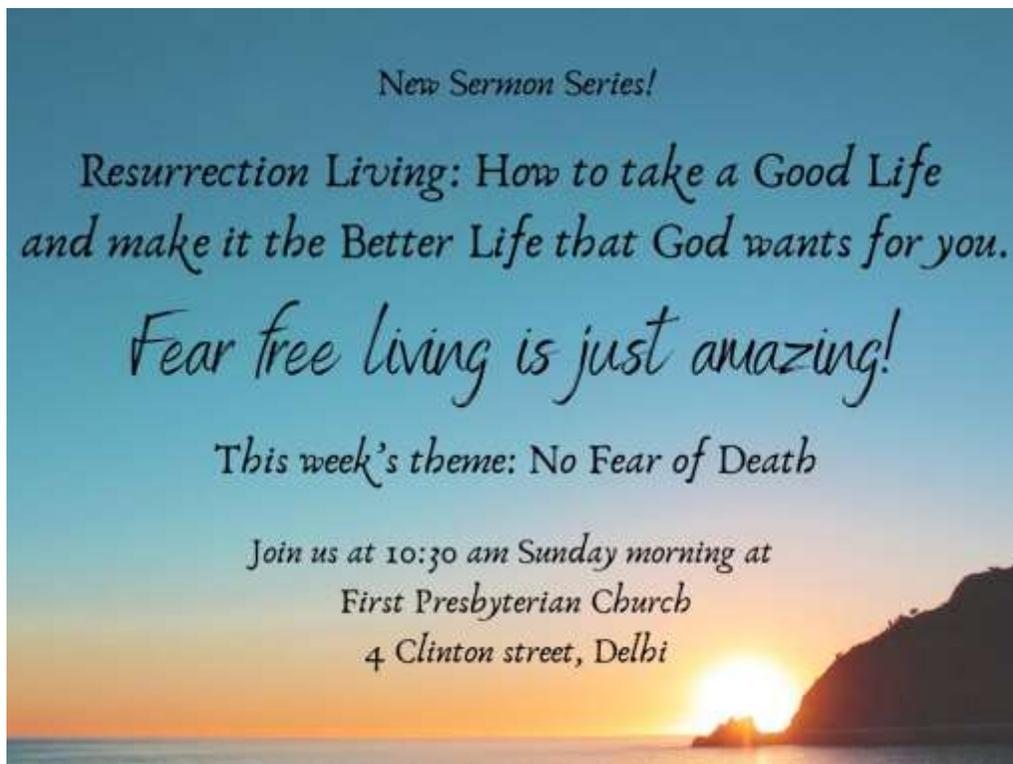
Leading us in worship this morning:

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God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows. Welcome to worship!

(Prayer) Good Shepherd, in you we have everything we need. Thank you for guiding us along the path of life.

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 April** is preparing and shipping CWS Personal Care Kits. The kits have already been prepared, but you can help by donating toward the cost of shipping the kits by using the Mission envelopes or writing "CWS kits" on the memo line of your check.

We are no longer using Google Meet for our Sunday service livestreams. From this point forward we are streaming our services on our YouTube channel. A link to the YouTube livestream will be sent out with the bulletin each week by email. If you subscribe to the church's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofdelhi>) you will be able to access the services at any point by going to the "Live" tab. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Darcy in the office.

The deadline to submit content to the May-June Courier is Monday, April 22. If you have anything that you would like to see in the newsletter, please get it to Darcy tomorrow!

We will be having a meeting on April 25 at 7:00pm to discuss 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.

May 5 is "Wear a Hat to Church Sunday," and if you would like—it is the day after the Kentucky Derby, at which it is customary to decorate your hat with a spring/horse theme. So dress your hats up! If you need a hat, try the Kirk!

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 Art Maxwell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 28 are Tom Little and Kathy Beveridge.

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 *"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."* - John 10:14-16. When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what he wants from you? How do you listen for his response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for his voice.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus' voice.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-14-2024</i>	35 - 33 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 4-14-2024	\$1,895.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$26,386.20
General amount given YTD as of 4-14-2024	\$26,510.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 4-14-2024	\$1.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$5,048.10
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-14-2024	\$911.00
Kirk Receipts 4-7-24 to 4-13-24	\$1,180.66
Mission giving week of 4-14-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-14-2024	\$536.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-14-2024	\$1,234.20

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

SUNDAY April 21	9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY April 22	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY April 23	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY April 24	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
THURSDAY April 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 7:00 pm Discussion on Future Officer Organization/Bylaws
FRIDAY April 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY April 27	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY April 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship