



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Second Sunday of Eastertide

"Adopted into God's family" from Romans 8:15

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 133)**

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Unison: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

***Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

Prayer of Confession

We confess that—though we know good and well that we are surrounded by false messages from people who don't care about our welfare—we don't spend the time to understand your truth. So we are confused. Our confusion weakens our witness in our families, our neighborhoods and our churches. You need our acts of love and words of holy wisdom. So help us to know and to speak truth. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. *(Psalm 28:7)*

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 are the source of reality, so open our ears to your truth and our hearts to your way of treating people. May our will be strengthened today so we might hear, believe and do what is acceptable to you. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Acts of the Apostles – Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Romans 8:15 (Good News Translation)

For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!"

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Better Life 1, Children of God"

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 give us the gift of being a member of your household, your beloved child. Jesus is our brother. We are amazed, grateful and encouraged by your generosity. We are generous in return. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

"Come to the Table of Grace" verses 1-3

#507

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Distribution

Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn**

"Come to the Table of Grace" verses 4-5

#507

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"A woman's heart should be so close to God that a man should have to chase her to find her."* —C.S. Lewis

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Tammi Tully, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin. Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace. Welcome.

(Prayer) Springtime, new life, resurrection, hope. God, help us hold onto an Easter focus all season long.

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 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 Kevin Lee and Art Maxwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 14 are Alex Cantwell and Ed Goff.

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 *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” Acts 4:32.* All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God’s people.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-31-2024</i>	77 - 73 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 3-31-2024	\$2,375.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$22,868.04
General amount given YTD as of 3-31-2024	\$23,824.90
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 3-31-2024	\$120.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$4,375.02
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-31-2024	\$910.00
Kirk Receipts 3-24-24 to 3-30-24	\$896.19
Mission giving week of 3-31-2024	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 3-31-2024	\$531.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-31-2024	\$1,134.20

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

New Sermon Series!

*Resurrection Living: How to take a Good Life
and make it the Better Life that God wants for you.*

Fear free living is just amazing!

*Join us at 10:30 am Sunday morning at
First Presbyterian Church
4 Clinton street, Delhi*

SUNDAY April 7	9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY April 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY April 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:00 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY April 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY April 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY April 12	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 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY April 14	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship