

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

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“So then, even to Gentiles...” Acts 11:18

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD



Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“Lord, Prepare Me”

***Call to Worship (Psalm 148:1-4)**

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Unison: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

***Hymn**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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Prayer of Confession

Our Father, who art in Heaven, You tell me that we are all Yours. We tell each other that some people are more our people than others. You tell us that we are all the same before You. We tell each other that our differences are important.

You have promised us a new Heaven and a new Earth. We hold onto the old one we know. This ‘change’ thing is so difficult. So as we sort through the voices around us, guide our thoughts.

It helps to know that our world is no more confusing to us than when Peter discovered that Your Spirit was dwelling in the hearts of uncircumcised gentiles who ate things his mom had taught him were unclean.

Tomorrow is new to us, but not to You. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” (Luke 7:48-50)

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

"Blessed Be the Name"

arr. by Fettke

Moment for Mission – The Kirk

Prayer for Illumination

Oh, Lord our God, You have made us one in Christ. What does it mean? Peter was faced with that when he realized that the same Spirit that was in him was in others. As we consider change, guide our thinking. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice)

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Message Reading – Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Even to Them"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

*Choral Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Dedication

We give You ourselves in gratitude for the gift of Christ. May these gifts become love to others, the sort of love we meet in You. In Christ's name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

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*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "Truth does not depend upon you to believe it." —*C.D. Hulen*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Rusty Maxwell, Liturgist

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Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship!

(Prayer) Jesus, you are the stable rock on which we stand, the warm water in which we float peacefully, the fragrant air that energizes our being. In you we rest and are strengthened for faithful living.

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).

You are invited to a **BBQ lunch** following worship today. Following lunch, you are invited to participate in a **Kirk Fashion Show**. Wear one item or a complete outfit you purchased from the Kirk. Prizes will be awarded for different categories. Let's have some fashion FUN!

Our **mission focus for May** is our Pakistan mission. We are providing Pastor Mohsin Elder with monthly support, which enables him to travel and bring food and the word of Christ to people in Pakistan. If you would like to give specifically toward this outreach, write "Pakistan" on the memo line of your check or use the Mission Giving envelopes provided in the Pews.

The fourth Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts 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.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Alex Cantwell and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 25 are Joe Cantwell and Ed Chytalo.

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 give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."* (John 13:34) "As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we have the courage to love someone that we don't like, we don't know, or doesn't look like us.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2025 has been set at \$49.29 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-11-2025</i>	44 - 35 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 5-11-2025	\$869.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$32,976.78
General amount given YTD as of 5-11-2025	\$33,892.36
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 5-11-2025	\$110.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,278.89
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-11-2025	\$1,055.36
Kirk Receipts 5-4-25 to 5-10-25	\$1,827.53
Mission giving week of 5-11-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-11-2025	\$377.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-11-2025	\$915.22

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

SUNDAY May 18	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am BBQ Lunch and Fashion Show
MONDAY May 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY May 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY May 21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Morgan Stanley Meeting
THURSDAY May 22	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 23	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 May 24	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 11:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY May 25	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship