



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." Psalm 30:4-5

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Lord, Prepare Me"

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God. Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Leader: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the one who up holds us when we are discouraged.

People: God sees and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Leader: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

People: We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.

*Hymn

"There is a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#408

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let the scales fall from your eyes. God has offered you new sight. Unplug your ears. God is claiming you as a beloved servant. Warm to the community that surrounds you. God has given you sisters and brothers to love. Reach out to feed and care and follow where Christ leads. You are forgiven and claimed and sent – Amen.

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

"Lily of the Valley"

by Fry/Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

God of love, who raised Christ from the dead to reign in power, we honor and bless you, even as we seek wisdom to follow where Christ leads. May your favor rest upon us, may your joy fill our lives, may your love motivate all we do. Make us instruments of good news who carry your name to others and share your blessing with delight. In Jesus' name, we pray – Amen.

New Testament Reading – Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Gospel Reading – John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciples whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," He wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from the shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught. Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again, Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where

you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Elder Tammi Tully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn**

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

#242

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heavenly Father, I long for an intimate relationship with you. I recall Jesus’ words when he prayed in the garden on the night before his death. He declares that eternal life is knowing you. Thank you for giving me the gift of eternal life at the moment I received Christ as Lord and Savior. I embrace this eternal life and commit to walking in an intimate relationship with you – Amen.

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”

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world – Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#465

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Leader: Rise and go where God directs. Your caring may be the answer to someone’s prayer.

People: We will extol our God in word and deed. We will reach out to our neighbors with love.

Leader: Be alert to the needs of people you meet. You may be God’s chosen instrument of healing.

People: We will praise God’s faithfulness day by day. We will listen with compassion to those who suffer.

Leader: Blessed are those who believe without seeing. Blessed are those who trust without proof.

People: We will follow where Christ leads us. Blessing, honor, glory, and power be to our God. Amen.

***The Sending**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

#542

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Christ is present to us in so far as we are present to each other."*

—Herbert McCabe

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Art Maxwell, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York
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Welcome to worship, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.

(Prayer) "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." Whatever emotion each of us is feeling right now, may this time of worship grant nourishment. Amen.

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).

THE FLOWERS today are given by Kevin & Kathy Sullivan in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Newsletter correction: A few items were left out of the CWS kit description in the most recent Courier. The omitted items are: washcloths, nail clippers and wide-toothed combs (6-inch minimum).

You are invited to a **BBQ lunch** following worship on May 18. Bring a dish to share and your table service. 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 (e.g. funniest, prettiest, fanciest, warmest, coolest, etc.). 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 Ed Goff and Kevin Lee. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 11 are Kathy Beveridge and Tom Little.

The **May-June Courier** and our **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: "...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we give the gift of ourselves by telling someone "I love you" every day.

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

<i>Sunrise Service Attendance</i>	19
<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-20-2025</i>	91 - 83 in sanctuary + approx. 8 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 4-20-2025	\$1,758.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$27,769.92
General amount given YTD as of 4-20-2025	\$29,718.02
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 4-20-2025	\$185.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,076.96
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-20-2025	\$915.36
Kirk Receipts 4-13-25 to 4-19-25	\$1,765.67
Mission giving week of 4-20-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-20-2025	\$352.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-20-2025	\$865.93

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-27-2025</i>	33 - 28 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 4-27-2025	\$1,392.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$29,505.54
General amount given YTD as of 4-27-2025	\$31,110.02
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 4-27-2025	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,144.27
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-27-2025	\$935.36
Kirk Receipts 4-20-25 to 4-26-25	\$1,539.63
Mission giving week of 4-27-2025	\$20.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-27-2025	\$372.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-27-2025	\$865.93

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

SUNDAY May 4	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY May 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY May 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY May 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Yoga
THURSDAY May 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 9	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 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 11:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY May 11	<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion