



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

December 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Christmas Day

*"For unto you this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"
Luke 2:11*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

As we light the Christ Candle, celebrating the end of Advent and the arrival of Christ and Christmas, let us remember how our Savior came once as a lowly baby, that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return one day in Glory.

All: When Jesus spoke again to the people he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

***Hymn**

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Revelation 12:10*)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us, has come to us in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. He binds up the broken hearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. While it is true we have sinned, it is a greater truth that, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God has shown his love for us. Arise, shine; for his light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

Thanks be to God!

***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

***Song**

"O Holy Night"

Dwight/Adam

Lyrics on next page

*O holy night the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices
O night divine - O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night, O night divine*

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of our Incarnate Word, grant that the same light within our hearts may shine forth in our lives, on this Christmas Day and forever more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospel Reading - John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Light of the World is Upon Us"

Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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***Affirmation of Faith**

How did Christ, being the son of God, become man?

Christ, the son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body and soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her without sin.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

The Son of God, Emmanuel, as predicted by the prophets throughout the ages, fulfilled the prophecy and was born to the Virgin Mary, in a humble stable, to set the world free of sin. On this day of Christmas celebration show our gratitude by sharing with others our humble offerings in Jesus name, Amen.

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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*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**

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

“Love Has Come”

#110

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

#134

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Peace on Earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day.”*

—Helen Stein Rice

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Susie Little, Liturgist



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Merry Christmas! Welcome to the manger, which cradles the very Word made flesh.

(Prayer) "Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning!"

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

We are collecting the **Christmas Stockings** for the month of December! Your donations can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. The money will be split between Helios Care and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for contributing to this mission!

The church office will be closed Monday through Wednesday this week, but Darcy will be back in the office on Thursday.

For the time that we are without a full-time pastor, members of Session will be taking turns in serving as a go-to person if a pastoral need arises. For the remainder of December our contact person will be Kathy Sullivan. She can be reached at (607) 746-7287 or burnayrfarm@delhi.net.

Today 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.

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: *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14* God made us to be in relationship with him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us his Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we recognize the greatest gift God, Our Father, has given us – His Son, Jesus.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-18-2022</i>	36 - 30 in sanctuary + Approx. 6 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 12-18-2022	\$1,212.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$109,514.85
The amount given YTD as of 12-18-2022	\$88,503.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-18-2022	\$7,433.60
Kirk Receipts 12-11-22 to 12-17-22	\$743.29
Mission giving week of 12-18-2022	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-18-2022	\$2,954.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-18-2022	\$2,940.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

SUNDAY December 25	<i>Christmas Day & Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY December 26	<i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY December 27	<i>Office Closed</i>
WEDNESDAY December 28	<i>Office Closed</i> 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting
THURSDAY December 29	9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY December 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY December 31	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 9:15 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY January 1, 2023	<i>New Year's Day</i> 10:30 am Worship with Communion



Poinsettias



IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Karl Baier and Gert Bell		Betty Jean & Harry E. Bell
Karl Baier		Jeffrey & Lucas Baier
Robert Mackey Jr. and Karl Baier		Barbara & Robert Mackey and Garry, Nate & Nicole
Karl Baier and Jim & Mimi Roberts		Jeana & James Roberts Jr. and Karleigh & Michael
Stoshie Pawlikowski		Betty Jean & Harry E. Bell
Joan L. Pawlikowski (Mom)		Kathy Beveridge
Ida and Douglas Hume		Margie Hume
Dr. Howard & Evelyn Dickson		David & Margie Jones
Dr. Charles & Lois Palin		David & Margie Jones
Gayle Olsen		Jerry & Chris Kilmer
	Our children & grandchildren	Jerry & Chris Kilmer
	Margie Hume	Tom & Barb Leo
Dick Mostert		Tom & Barb Leo
Lydia & Raymond Nealis and Frank & Mabel Brown		John and Gwenn Nealis
Joe Rosa		David & Heather Rosa
Bill & Ida Sanderson		David & Heather Rosa
Dottie Wilklow		David & Heather Rosa
Joseph & Gladys Rosa and Leland & Verna Wood		Helen Rosa
My Husband Joseph Rosa		Helen Rosa
Ida & Bill Sanderson		Wes & Shirley Warren
Dorothy & Flobert Warren		Wes & Shirley Warren
Richard Wickham		Marilyn Wickham



Wreaths in the Choir Loft



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Harry & Lucy Hebbard	Jane & Don Hymers
Alfred & Helen Hymers	Jane & Don Hymers
The white bows on these wreaths were generously donated by Kathy Beveridge.	

The Fontanini Nativity figures are given as a gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This gift is in memory of Conrad Larsen and is given by Betty Larsen and Linda and Bruce Burr.



Monetary Gifts Toward Wreaths and Decorations



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Velma Liskow, Melody's mother For the Advent wreath - the stand was given in Velma's memory (1988)	Rev. Dr. Bob and Melody Barrett and family
Evelyn Bedient	The Cantwell Family
William Bedient	The Cantwell Family
John, Helen and Janice Raitt	The Raitt Children - Jeanne, Christie, Jack and Linda
Lee & Verna Wood	David & Heather Rosa
Cliff Frazier	Tammi, Talia & Vincent With Love
Helen and Kay Hoffman	Their children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren
Richard Wickham	Marilyn Wickham