



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

December 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

## Holy Communion & Second Sunday of Advent

*"Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen." Psalm 72:18-19*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*"Emmanuel"*

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Kevin & Nancy Lee

Reader One: Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because there is still so much unrest in our hearts, we light a candle of peace.

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong, because many swords have not yet been beaten into ploughshares, we light a candle of peace. (*light the second candle*)

Reader One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Reader Two: May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader One: Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 72:1-7)**

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.**

May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon through all generations.

**May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.**

**\*Hymn**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1-4*

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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Amen.

*(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Praise 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

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

Rowan

### Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord, stir up our hearts and open our ears as we hear the scriptures read this morning. Guide us in the path of peace to everyone we encounter during this glorious season of the birth of your Son – our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes; or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

### New Testament Reading - Romans 15:4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name. Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples. And again, Isaiah says, The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule of the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*"We Are Only Human, After All"*

Elder Tammi Tully

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Eucharist**

### **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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*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**

**Gracious God, Jesus finished the work that you gave him to do, but the work of building your kingdom continues. Use us and our gifts in that work, so that your kingdom may grow, and more people may come to know Jesus for themselves. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Communion Hymn

*"Feed Us, Lord"*

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast. We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering our presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself we pray the prayer that our Savior Jesus Christ taught his disciples:

### The Lord's Prayer

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

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

*Communion will be by intinction, or you may use the individual elements that were provided on your way in this morning.*

### Prayer after Communion

**Lord Jesus Christ, we have proclaimed your death by eating this bread and drinking this cup, help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, our God, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*"When We Are Living" verses 1-3*

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### \*Benediction

### \*The Sending

*"When We Are Living" verse 4*

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### Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"The good news of great joy changed the course of every silent night to come."*

—Alicia Bruxvoort

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Leading us in worship this morning:  
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Trustee Kevin Lee, Liturgist



# First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York  
December 4, 2022

Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth — a “shoot” representing new life in Jesus.

*(Prayer)* “The Savior comes ... Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.” Help us prepare to receive you, Lord Jesus.

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).

Our **Angel Tree** is filled with angel envelopes. We will be collecting donations in any amount for the Delhi Children’s Christmas fund. Checks can be made out to “Delhi Children’s Christmas Fund.” These funds will be used to purchase toys for children referred from both the Department of Social Services and Delaware Academy schools. Just place your donation in the envelope from our angel tree or leave your donation in the church office. Thank you for making our local children’s Christmases bright!” **If you have any knitted items please deliver them by Friday, December 9th.**

Proceeds from this weekend at the Kirk will be donated to the **Deposit Presbyterian Church**. Our brothers and sisters in Christ find themselves struggling to stay afloat. We are doing what we can to help. Donations will also be accepted in today’s offering, using the special envelopes provided on the coffee hour table.

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!

On Tues, Dec 6 from 9:30 to 12:30 EDD Adaptive Sports will be having a **craft time with special needs children** in the Chapel. Volunteers and participants are welcome! If you are interested in participating, call Barb Mackey at 607-435-7201, or speak with Betty Bell.

St. John’s is offering a **festive ‘Lessons and Carols’ service**, fun and enjoyable for everyone. Hear the story of God’s redemptive love for his creation, by sending his son Jesus, as a baby, into this broken world. Enjoy singing familiar Christmas Carols and join in fellowship over refreshments. Starts at 7PM, Friday, December 16th.

**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 month of December our contact person will be Kathy Sullivan. She can be reached at (607) 746-7287 or burnayrfarm@delhi.net.

**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.

**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:** *“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10* Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 11-27-2022</i>	46 - 42 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 11-27-2022	\$2,946.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$103,072.80
The amount given YTD as of 11-27-2022	\$82,792.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-27-2022	\$6,393.60
Kirk Receipts 11-20-22 to 11-26-22	\$975.03
Mission giving week of 11-27-2022	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-27-2022	\$2,754.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-27-2022	\$2,513.58

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> December 4	<b><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></b> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> December 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:30 am EDD Adaptive Sports Craft Time
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>FRIDAY</b> December 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
<b>SATURDAY</b> December 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 9:15 am Fit to be Tied Yoga (Chapel)
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 11	<b><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship