



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

"Seek good, not evil, that you may live." Amos 5:14a

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*Call to Worship – Psalm 139:7-10

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit?

People: Where can I flee from your presence?

Leader: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

People: If I rise on the wings of dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

Unison: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

*Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

#175

Prayer of Confession

Lord, above and beyond our minds, we confess that we would like to have the benefits of faith without the cost of discipleship. Jesus shows us that that is not possible. If we live lives of integrity, those who are crooked will fear us or resent us or both. Yet, you also show us that the cost is worth it. So give us the wisdom to discern where you would lead us. Give us the courage to do the right thing. Grant us a new start when we get discouraged. Grant us great joy when we get it right. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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

"Spirit of God"

by Garnaas-Holmes

Moment for PNC – Progress Report

Prayer for Illumination

Your servant Paul reminds us that your truth is not seen by flesh and blood. It is seen by those who know your Spirit and welcome the living Christ in their hearts. So we turn our face to you, welcoming your presence and praying that you help us sort through all the conflicting thoughts that give us both light and confusion. We want to see you. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Gospel Reading – John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Amos 5:14-15

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"If You Don't Like What is Going On, Go to Church"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – The Scot’s Confession of 1560 – Chapter 2 Of the Creation of Man**

We confess and acknowledge this our God to have created Man (to wit, our first father Adam), of whom also God formed the Woman to his own image and similitude; to whom he gave wisdom, lordship, justice, free-will, and clear knowledge of himself; so that in the whole nature of man there could be noted no imperfection: From which honor and perfection man and woman did both fall; the woman being deceived by the Serpent, and man obeying to the voice of the woman, both conspiring against the Sovereign Majesty of God, who in expressed words of before had threatened death, if they presumed to eat of the forbidden tree.

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**

We respond to your generosity by being generous ourselves. Use these gifts to bless others here and throughout the world. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* **#32**

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“He said ‘Love...as I have loved you.’ We cannot love too much.”*

—Amy Carmichael

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Ed Furgol, Liturgist

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Welcome. We worship as we live — in the name, and under the guidance, of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Prayer) Tomorrow is MLK Day in the United States, Lord. As we worship today, help us see specific ways in which you call us to better serve and love others.

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 January** is the Red Box Collection for Helios Care.



A CALL has been issued by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held virtually and in person immediately following worship on Sunday, **January 28, 2024**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review annual reports, receive the budget, and address any other business that may come properly before the Congregation. The 2023 Annual Reports will be available for review beginning Sunday, January 21. The meeting will take place on the same livestream as the worship service on Jan 28, so that is the only link you need. Email office@fpcdelhi.org or check our online calendar for the worship link.

Tomorrow is the Annual Report Deadline. Please submit your reports to Darcy as soon as you can, to ensure that the Annual Report can be made available by next Sunday, the 21st.

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 Tom Leo and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 21 are Kathy Beveridge and Alex Cantwell.

The January-February Courier and **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 *“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38.* When we recognize who we are, it’s easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how he wants you to live the life he intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising him, thanking him and asking for his guidance.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-7-2024</i>	34 - 14 in sanctuary + approx. 20 virtual
Additional 2023 Income	\$350.00
General amount needed each week	TBD*
General amount given week of 1-7-2024	\$3,027.00
General amount needed year-to-date	TBD
General amount given YTD as of 1-7-2024	\$3,027.00
Fuel Fund needed each week	TBD
Fuel Fund given week of 1-7-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	TBD
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-7-2024	\$0.00
Kirk Receipts 12-31-23 to 1-6-24	\$1,868.62
Mission giving week of 1-7-2024	\$30.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-7-2024	\$30.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-7-2024	\$0.00

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

SUNDAY January 14	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY January 15	<i>Annual Report Deadline</i> <i>Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY January 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY January 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm MWS Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY January 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY January 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:15 am Yoga
SUNDAY January 21	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship