



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

January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

"Do not lie to each other..." Colossians 3:9

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir

"Seek Ye First"

arr. by Hollander

***Call to Worship (Psalm 111:1-4)**

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

Unison: **Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

***Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

Prayer of Confession

Giver of Life, they say that old habits hang around forever. I know the saying is true. I still think like a 5-year-old at times. When I am happy and want others to laugh, that can be good. But when I am out of sorts, I don't honor either myself or you. Why do I sound like my mother or act like my father? I loved them, but they had their ways. I decided I wasn't going to be like that when I grew up. Now I am grown up plus some, and sometimes I am like that. Well, I know I am not living like you did when you were with us. Forgive me and show me the way forward. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (*Romans 8:31b-32*)

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

"You Do As Unto Me"

by Dosso

Prayer for Illumination

You have promised us that you would help us see what you mean. By the Holy Spirit you would repair our thinking until you put us back into our rightful minds. Be with us now. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7-9

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one ...

But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Colossians 3:8-10

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Taking Off Your Old Self"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – The Scot's Confession of 1560 – John Knox**

From the Book of Confessions, PCUSA Chapter 4 – The Revelation of the Promise

We constantly believe that God, after the fearful and horrible departure of man from his obedience, did seek Adam again, call upon him, rebuke and convict him of his sin, and in the end made unto him a most joyful promise, that "the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent," that is, that he should destroy the works of the devil. This promise was repeated and made clearer from time to time; it was embraced with joy, and most constantly received by all the faithful from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, and so onwards to the incarnation of Christ Jesus; all (we mean the believing fathers under the law) did see the joyful day of Christ Jesus, and did rejoice.

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 thank you for your lavish love and ask that these gifts might do your work, rightly blessing others and building them up. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *"We Are One in the Spirit"* **#300**

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Annual Congregational Meeting – All are invited to remain for the meeting.

Thought for the Day: *"Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God."*
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship. "Praise the Lord! ... He sent redemption to his people. ... Holy and awesome is his name" (Psalm 111:1, 9).

(Prayer) As you taught in the synagogue, Jesus, impart to us today your new teaching — with authority — so that we trust your word and obey it.

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 today, **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 are available in the New Narthex and outside the office. The meeting will take place on the same livestream as the worship service, so that is the only link you need. Email office@fpcdelhi.org or check our online calendar for the worship link.

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.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Ed Goff and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 4 are Harry Bell and Tom Leo.

Annual Reports, 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 *"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."* - 1 Corinthians 7:32. How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but he will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-21-2024</i>	40 - 26 in sanctuary + approx. 14 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 1-21-2024	\$1,260.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$5,277.24
General amount given YTD as of 1-21-2024	\$5,890.60
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 1-21-2024	\$125.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,009.62
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-21-2024	\$225.00
Kirk Receipts 1-14-24 to 1-20-24	\$1,406.15
Mission giving week of 1-21-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-21-2024	\$80.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-21-2024	\$283.60

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

SUNDAY January 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation
MONDAY January 29	<i>Pastor Jamie Away (January 29 - February 15)</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY January 30	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY January 31	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY February 1	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 2	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 February 3	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY February 4	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship