



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

January 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Sunday Nearest Epiphany

"He has brought down rulers from their thrones." Luke 1:52

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

***Call to Worship – Psalm 29 (The Psalm of Seven Thunders)**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

Unison: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

***Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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Prayer of Confession

For you are the Holy One. You have promised us a future. You have sustained us for generations. You are working among us even at this moment. You call us to be your witnesses and your hands upon the earth. We confess our joy at being your people. We see the results when we get it right. We also confess that we hold back from being your people. Anxieties and resentments and lack of vision stand between us and you. Even as we confess this we pray that by your Spirit we call Holy you might remove the shame. Free us to be your people. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

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

Prayer for Illumination

There is so much going on this Sunday. Many Christians are remembering that Jesus was baptized by John at the beginning of his ministry. Others are considering what you might be directing them to change in the year ahead. Others still have a favorite passage they are meditating on. Yet one thing is always true. You have a plan for the world and a place for us in it. May this reading of your word help us see where we fit into your plan. In Christ's Name, Amen.

The Hebrew Scriptures – Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

The Epistle – Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Display the Kingdom to the World"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – "The Scot's Confession – Article 1: God"**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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

At the beginning of the new year, we recall the wise men from the east. They bowed before the baby and have him gifts. We have seen his glory in death and resurrection. In awe we give him ours today. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn *"We Three Kings of Orient Are" verses 1-4* **#151**

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Distribution

Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn** *"We Three Kings of Orient Are" verse 5* **#151**

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Special Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers

Installation of Officers

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read." – John MacArthur*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Susie Little, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, may God enlighten us all.

(Prayer) This day after Epiphany, may we follow your light, dear Jesus, as the wise men followed the star.

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).



A CALL has been issued by the Session for a **Meeting of the Congregation** to be held immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship today, January 7, 2023. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect and install officers for 2024. No other business may come before the Congregation at this time. Active members must be present in person in order to participate in the vote.

This morning we will elect and install our Elders for the class of 2025 and Deacons for the class of 2026. We rejoice in the continuing leadership of Joe Weaver, and welcome the returning leadership of Susie Little as Elder and Clerk. We are thankful for Karen LaFever as she continues to serve as a Deacon. We take this time to recognize Kathy Beveridge, who is returning to service, and Tom Little and Ed Goff who are continuing their service as Trustees for the Class of 2026. We still have two vacant positions on Session and four vacant positions for Deacons. We will take nominations from the floor during the meeting.

Our **mission focus for January** will be the Red Box Collection for Helios Care.

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 Little and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 14 are Tom Leo and Harry Bell.

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 *"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* - Matthew 2:11. Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to him. Then they presented him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2023 has been set at \$43.95 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-24-2023</i>	95 - 85 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 12-24-2023	\$1,394.85
General amount needed year-to-date	\$85,956.00
General amount given YTD as of 12-24-2023	\$89,269.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 12-24-2023	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$22,028.24
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-24-2023	\$3,265.00
Kirk Receipts 12-17-23 to 12-23-23	Closed for Holidays
Mission giving week of 12-24-2023	\$0.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-24-2023	\$2,260.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-24-2023	\$2,333.91

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-31-2023</i>	44 - 36 in sanctuary + approx. 8 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 12-31-2023	\$1,652.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$87,609.00
General amount given YTD as of 12-31-2023	\$90,921.26
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 12-31-2023	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$22,451.86
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-31-2023	\$3,365.00
Kirk Receipts 12-24-23 to 12-30-23	Closed for Holidays
Mission giving week of 12-31-2023	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-31-2023	\$2,265.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-31-2023	\$2,333.91

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

**10:30 am Worship
In the Sanctuary
& Live-Streamed**

All are Welcome!

Sunday Mornings
Contact the church office for details



SUNDAY January 7	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY January 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY January 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY January 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY January 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 12	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 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:15 am Yoga
SUNDAY January 14	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship