



# The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

*"Your people will be my people." Ruth 1:16*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 25:4-7)**

Leader: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

**People: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

Leader: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**Unison: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.**

**\*Hymn**

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

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**Prayer of Confession**

Though you are the father of us all, I confess my tendency to think of some people as being more "mine" than other people. Sure, we live in families and communities. Sure, there are those we know and whom we care for daily. But that is only because we are limited in our ability to love and to act. Help us also to live out, in our lives and in the life of this church, the higher truth: you are Father of us all. In heaven there is no American room and Foreigner room. There is one family singing your praises and eating together. Martin Luther King said that he had a dream, a dream that the day would come in which all of God's children would be just that—God's children. Forgive us when we forget that, from the beginning, your people have always given prayer, help and money to those in need. Paul collected gifts for widows and orphans in Jerusalem from Greeks in Macedonia. Bless us when we do the same. Help us to also live that dream here, now. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (*Romans 8:1-2*)

**People: Thanks 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

### Interlude

### Report on Preah Vihear Church and School

### Prayer for Illumination

Father of us all, you have created the church to be a place where all those who accept Jesus as their Lord and seek to follow your commandments live together and accept one another, no matter what their cultural differences. The ways we divide each other up are nothing in your sight. We pray that by the power of your word and your spirit they become nothing to us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

### Gospel Reading – Mark 1:14-19

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Message Reading – Ruth 1:16

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

*"Are You Acceptable?"*

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 5 –  
The Continuance, Increase, and Preservation of the Kirk*

We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life his Kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh. For he called Abraham from his father's country, instructed him, and multiplied his seed; he marvelously preserved him, and more marvelously delivered his seed from the bondage and tyranny of Pharaoh; to them he gave his laws, constitutions, and ceremonies; to them he gave the land of Canaan; after he had given them judges, and afterwards Saul, he gave David to be king, to whom he gave promise that of the fruit of his loins should one sit forever upon his royal throne. To this same people from time to time he sent prophets, to recall them to the right way of their God, from which sometimes they strayed by idolatry. And although, because of their stubborn contempt for righteousness he was compelled to give them into the hands of their enemies, as had previously been threatened by the mouth of Moses, so that the holy city was destroyed, the temple burned with fire, and the whole land desolate for seventy years, yet in mercy he restored them again to Jerusalem, where the city and temple were rebuilt, and they endured against all temptations and assaults of Satan till the Messiah came according to the promise.

## 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

Though we are at times quite convinced that we are not acceptable, you have embraced us and made us a part of your household of faith. We are grateful, so we give our time, our talent and our treasures. In Christ's Name, Amen.

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

### \*Closing Hymn

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

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### \*Charge to the Congregation

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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**Thought for the Day:** *"There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God."* —Alistair Begg

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Nancy Heimbuecher, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York  
**February 18, 2024**

During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another. Welcome to worship.

*(Prayer)* “Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee” (Psalm 25:1-2).

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 February** is the CWS Tools and Blankets program.

**Darcy will be away this week; he will be back in the office on Monday, February 26.**

February is the month of love. Pastor Jamie is offering the opportunity for you and your loved one to **renew your marriage vows during worship on Sunday, February 25**. Following the service there will be a special celebration to rejoice together in our love for God and for one another. The Fellowship committee will be hosting a ham dinner! Please join us, whether you renewed your vows or not. Feel free to dress up fancy for this reception! (Not required, but hey—when else do you get to wear those old bridesmaid dresses? 😊)

**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 Ed Goff and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 25 are Tom Little and Kathy Beveridge.

**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** “*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...*” - *Mark 1:14*. Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that he was proclaiming? It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that he will always give us all that we need to fulfill his plan for us.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we may place our lives in God’s hands and have the strength to carry out his unique plan for each us.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-11-2024</i>	40 - 36 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 2-11-2024	\$1,475.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$10,554.48
General amount given YTD as of 2-11-2024	\$11,066.55
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 2-11-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,019.24
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-11-2024	\$225.00
Kirk Receipts 2-4-24 to 2-10-24	\$1,587.71
Mission giving week of 2-11-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-11-2024	\$365.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-11-2024	\$367.55

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>February 18</b>	<b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>February 19</b>	<b><i>Office Closed in Observation of Presidents' Day</i></b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>February 20</b>	<b><i>Darcy Away</i></b> <b>4:00 pm PNC Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>February 21</b>	<b><i>Darcy Away</i></b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>6:00 pm MWS Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm Trustees Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>February 22</b>	<b><i>Darcy Away</i></b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>February 23</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>February 24</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>9:30 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>February 25</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:45 Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Renewal of Wedding Vows</b> <b>11:30 am Reception and Lunch</b>