



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

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

“You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.” Psalm 139:1

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**

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”

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Prayer of Confession

Loving God, the one who knew us even before we were born, your love is an understanding love. Though we might be uncomfortable at times, knowing you understand all - in that truth is such freedom. We need not be anxious about our past. We are never alone. We are welcomed in our family. Forgive us when we get wrapped up in ourselves. Help us to love others the way you love us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

Giver of life, we come to your word knowing that it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the light to see what you want us to hear. So, whatever we need, bring it from our ears to our hearts. And show us our opportunities to bless others with your Truth. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:31-33

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Epistle Reading – Romans 4:16-25

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Psalm 139:1-6

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Companion for Life”

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Renewal of Our Wedding Vows

Elder Tammi Tully

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”

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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**

You free us to love one another through your power and example. You gift us with companions for life. We thank you for each of them. On this Sunday, those of us who are or have been married are especially grateful for our spouses. We want others to have the gift of loving with your love, so we give. Bless our gifts. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"We may have done what the devil said we did, but we are NOT who the devil says we are!" —April Cofield Essix*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York February 25, 2024

Good morning! Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship among the family of faith.

(Prayer) "Hoping against hope," Abraham trusted God. So much seems hopeless these days, dear God. Help us hold onto hope that beyond death, you promise resurrection.

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.

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 today**. 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.

Monday, February 26 is the deadline for newsletter submissions. If you have anything for the March-April Courier, please get it to Darcy in the office by the end of the day tomorrow.

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 Tom Little and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 3 are Alex Cantwell and Tom Little.

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 "*Here I am!*" he answered."- *Genesis 22:11*. It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are here in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a committee, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may answer, "*Here I am, Lord,*" whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve him.

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

The financial breakdown and attendance for 2/18/24 will be reported in next week's Church Life alongside the information for 2/25/24.

SUNDAY February 25	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Renewal of Wedding Vows 11:30 am Reception and Lunch
MONDAY February 26	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY February 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY February 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY February 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 1	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 March 2	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 3	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship with Communion