

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Delhi, NY MARCH - APRIL 2024 COURIER

Special dates

- Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, March 3
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, March 10
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, March 10
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, March 17
- Potato Cook-Off, 11:30 am, Chapel, March 17
- First day of Spring, March 19
- Deadline for Easter Lily Orders, March 21
- Palm Sunday Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, March 24
- Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion, March 28
- March to the Cross, 12:00pm, Begins at United Ministry, March 29
- Easter Sunrise Worship Service, 6:30 am, Flats Cemetery, March 31
- Easter Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, March 31
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, April 7
- Bylaws Discussion, 5:00 pm, April 9
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, April 14
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, April 21
- Newsletter Deadline, Monday, April 22
- Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Virtual and FPC Sanctuary, April 28



For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

How did He do it, go through the disappointment of His people's leaders turning on Him for doing the right thing? When we do the wrong thing we may not like the consequences, but we are not amazed. But having such consequences for doing the right thing! Really.

And Jesus bore the weight of betrayal among his closest and dearest friends. And the rest abandoned Him. And there was the outrageous trial. And the pain of crucifixion, and the professional meaning of the executioners. And He forgave and He assured the thief of his salvation. How did He do it?

The answer is in the nature of God's love. God's love is utterly realistic. Jesus had no illusions that He could do what He did and everything come up roses. Jesus did not do what He did for our approval or for fame. He had already faced all that in the wilderness. Satan had tried to divert Him from His purpose and failed. Jesus remained faithful to who He was to his last breath. He did it for love.

So that is what we are considering this Lenten Season. The nature of His Love and how it impacts our lives. Remember, Jesus promised us that through the Holy Spirit the same Spirit that moved him in his ministry moves us in our lives. As we come together, we encourage one another. We remember the truth about who God is and the Spirit unites us in song, in prayer and in a common commitment to love on the good days and to love in the middle of the tough ones as well.

And as we prepare for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and the Sunrise Service as well as Sanctuary worship, we prepare to stand in awe of Love. Come, rejoice, invite someone to enter the wonder of the Presence of the Living God.



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SESSION – next meetings Apr 1 and May 6 at 5:30 pm								
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	Barb Leo, 200 Spencer Heights, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8265						
2024	Tammi Tully, 125 Delaware Ave, Delhi, NY 13753	376-1119						
	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536						
2025	Joe Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3875						

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	Betty Bell, 51 Hamden Hill Road, Delhi, NY 13753	746-2035							
	Linda Dewitt, 48734 St Hwy 10, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3590							
2025	Leslie McKeegan, 47900 State Highway 10, Delhi, NY 13753	437-7890							
	Toni Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3987							
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2026	Karen LaFever, 74 Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339							

TRUS	TRUSTEES – next meetings Mar 20 and Apr 17 at 6:30 pm							
	Harry Bell, 51 Hamden Hill Road, Delhi, NY 13753	746-2035						
2024	Alex Cantwell, 22B Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	434-6081						
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CLERK OF SESSION	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536



Palm Sunday, March 24: We will join for worship at 10:30 am virtually and in the sanctuary on this Sunday.





Maundy Thursday, March 28: Details of this service are still to be determined. Please watch the Church Life as we get closer to Holy Week!

Good Friday, March 29: We will participate in the March to the Cross, which is scheduled to begin at noon at United Ministry and make its way to the cemetery.



Easter Sunday, March 31: We'll gather at 6:30 a.m. at the Old Flats Cemetery for an early service of worship and praise. An alternative weather location TBD.

Easter Sunday, March 31: Easter Worship Service of praise for our Risen Lord! We will gather for this special worship at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary and virtually. Come join in grateful praise!

Vow Renewal Ceremony

On Sunday, February 25, 2024 we had a wedding vow renewal ceremony incorporated into our worship service and officiated by Elder Tammi Tully. 12 couples participated, including one couple from outside the congregation. Our attendance (including the virtual attendees) was 64 - which is the highest attendance so far this year, but to really put it in perspective it is the 4th highest attendance between January 2023 and now. This service nearly matched the numbers from Easter 2023 (66 on Easter Sunday, 65 the following week). Of course, our highest attendance of the past two years was our Christmas Eve service which totalled 95 congregants (in person and virtual). In addition to the couples who attended to participate in the ceremony we saw many family members in person and online who came out to support those who were renewing their vows. Of the 55 people that were physically present, somewhere around 40 stayed afterward for the celebration, which included a ham dinner hosted by the Fellowship Committee. The promotion and advertising of this event caught the attention of local newspapers and it was also shared and liked on social media. If we can come up with more events like this, which can attract and serve needs in the community, it will certainly be a good way to present and feature our church both locally and online, and hopefully a way to get new faces in the congregation. Some photos from Sunday's ceremony are presented on page 7 and more are available on our website!



2024 Easter Lilies Order Form

Easter is just around the corner! All members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to provide LILIES for our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31. The plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special to you, or as a gift to the Church. Those giving plants will be listed in the Church Bulletin on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to order a plant, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it to or leave it at the Church Office no later than <u>Thursday, March 21</u>. Lilies are \$10.00 each this year. Make checks payable to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (please note "Lilies" in the memo section of your check), and WE WILL ORDER THE PLANT FOR YOU.

You may take your plant after the service on Easter Sunday, March 31, but unless special arrangements are made, any lilies not picked up on Sunday, March 31 will be distributed by the Deacons. Protective wrappers will be in the Session Room for you to cover your plant in the event of cold weather.

Thank you for contributing to the joy and beauty of this celebration of Christ's Resurrection.



BOARD OF DEACONS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AS YOU WANT IT LISTED IN THE BULLETIN:

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of ______

I will pick up my plant after the Service on Easter Sunday

I do not want my plant; please have the Deacons brighten someone's day!

THE PRICE FOR THE LILIES THIS YEAR IS \$10.00

REMINDER: Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Please note "Lilies" in the memo section of your check. Orders must be placed by March 21.

-Some Highlights from Cambodia!-





Preah Vihear, Cambodia February, 2024







-Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony!-







See more photos at www.fpcdelhi.org/photo-album/













Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing



Our March Mission Emphasis

During the month of March our church mission focus will be One Great Hour of Sharing which is a PCUSA mission. This mission addresses needs worldwide. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider supporting this mission.

In the month of April our mission will be focused on Church World Service Personal Care Kits. Betty Bell is currently working on assembling these kits. She is in need of toothbrushes to complete the kits. If you are able to supply these, see Betty or drop them off at the church office. The church also needs financial support to ship these kits. We pay \$2.00/kit. These kits are given out to individuals and families all over the world when they have a need from disaster or poverty situations.

The next Bountiful Giving Sundays are March 31st and April 28th.

In February we raised \$2,771.16 through the Kirk (highest weekend so far!) and rounded up to donate \$3,000 to cover expenses for three girls to participate in a special Girl Scout trip to Georgia.

TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

- Regular FPC January-February 2024 bills have been received and approved and are being paid.
- All handbells were delivered by Susie and Tom to the Schulmmerich Handbell Co. and are being cleaned and serviced. The bell fund will be used to pay for this.
- Trustees received repair/maintenance list for manse and most of the work was done by Tom Leo, Alex Cantwell and Joe Cantwell, thank you. There are other larger projects that we are getting estimates on.
- The live-streaming service and equipment paid by O'Connor grant money is being worked at this time.
- Church and Kirk still being sanitized every week with Saturdays being done alternating between Sherry and trustees.
- Many thanks to Kirk volunteers for all the hard work they do, they donated proceeds from Feb 23-24 to mission trip for girl scout group!

Apportionment



The **Per Capita amount for 2024** has been set at **\$45.90 per member.** Per Capita apportionment is based on church membership as of December 31, 2022. Our apportionment is based on 151 members giving a total of \$6,930.90. The money is paid by our church to cover our share of basic operation costs of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. <u>Each member</u> is invited to contribute \$45.90 to help pay this obligation.



COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

MARCH 3, 2024



Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Psalm 95:2

MARCH 28, 2024 APRIL 7, 2024

Worship, participate, commune and open your eyes and your hearts to the living Christ in your life.

Addresses Needed for Those Away in College & Military

Please contact the church office by phone, email or post with our church family's students or military service personnel addresses for this year. Our caring congregation wishes to encourage those students and military who are part of our church family with cards and prayers and maybe even a care package at times! Help us help members of our church family who are students or in the military to stay connected to their church family.

From the Nominating Committee

On Tuesday, April 9 at 5:00pm, Joe Weaver will be leading a discussion on the proposed bylaw changes discussed at the Annual Meeting. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, April 8th.

Address & Email Corrections

If you move or change your email address, please contact the church office as soon as possible but at least within 30 days, with your new mailing or emailing information. Thank you for helping us maintain communication in a timely manner.

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotionals are available in the new narthex and also outside the church office. If you wish to make a contribution to defray the cost, there is a wooden box on the table outside the office or contributions may be left in the office.

We are no longer accepting bottle and can donations, so please do not leave any bags of empty containers here at the church. Thank you!





Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the following families:

Linda Dewitt, Jane Dewitt, Gary Dewitt & family (Anna and Giorgia) on the passing of Gerald Dewitt on January 6, 2024.



If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office. We would rather be notified ten times than not be aware of the needs of the church family!

Our prayers are with those who have recently had outpatient procedures, surgery, are facing major changes in their lives, been hospitalized or are facing difficult health concerns.

~ Notes of Appreciation ~

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, flowers and food during my recuperation from a fractured wrist. A special thank you to Pastor Jamie and the Deacons for their visits and to a very special canine visitor who stopped to see me when he was out walking with Pastor Jamie during the holidays.

God bless you all, Margie Hume



I am so thankful for my Delhi church family! Your prayers and cards have meant so much to us and really do make a difference. While my doctors tell me I will never be in remission, the best we can do is to keep the cancer from growing or spreading. Comparing tests from 2 months ago, nothing has changed. This is great news! Next scan in April.

Please keep Dave & I in your prayers as I will continue monthly treatments for the rest of my life.

We consider you, your prayers and your words of encouragement as blessings from the Lord. Thank you so much for ministering to us in these ways.

Dave & Bea Mooney



Dear Members of First Pres,

On behalf of the Delhi Children's Christmas Fund, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$340.09. The generosity every year continues to amaze me and is certainly welcome with all the uncertainty and chaos that surrounds us at this time of year! It allowed us to cover all our expenses, and again we had a larger than usual need this year.

Some of the stories that were shared this year really show how this has touched people in the past. Again, thank you for your contributions, especially those of you who support us each year! It is through people like you that the children in the Delhi school district have a wonderful holiday. We could not do this without you.

Wishing you a safe and Happy New Year!

Barbara K. Sturdevant



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the thoughtful gesture. It was kind of you to think of us, and the gift cards were helpful to receive as college students. Happy 2024!

Warm regards, Anna and Molly Arehart

Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$305.00 to the Food Pantry. None of our success would be possible without generous donors like your church. Thank you, everyone, for your commitment and kindness.

Síncerely, Marílyn Huneke



Congratulations to Jeff Baier on his induction to the Delaware League Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in coaching basketball in Downsville. He has served in many League and Section positions over the years and has also been honored with numerous awards. Congratulations on being recognized for all your hard work and dedication, Jeff!

Save the Date! March 17, 2024

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Potato Cook Off! Bring your favorite potato dish to share with everyone! Bring your taste buds and try all the potato dishes and pick your favorite! You don't have to enter in order to taste, so come one and all to share in some dishes yummy potato and fellowship! March 17 after church in the chapel. Hope to see you there!



WORSHIP FLOWERS

- Mar 3 Margie Jones 10 – 17 –
 - 24 -
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- Apr 7
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- Mar 3 Mary Conklin
 - 10 Gia Cantwell
 - 17 Barb Thompson
 - 24 Linda Malcolm
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OFFICE NOTES

If you have an item or announcement to be placed in the Church Life section of the bulletin, it must be in the office by 9:00 on Thursday morning.



Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, April 22, 2024 in order to be placed in the May - June Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it will certainly be appreciated.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE?



2024 Flower sign-up is now on the bulletin board across from the office. If you would like to offer flowers for worship on a Sunday, please sign up on the poster or give the church office a call. Thank you for helping enhance our worship!

Anyone wishing to participate in the Worship Service as **Liturgist** should contact the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS <u>TIME</u>

Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2:00 am on Sunday March 10th, 2024. Please remember to turn



your analog clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th.

Birthdays in our Church Family



- 2 Leslie Mignier
- 4 Christopher Mooney Robert Wilklow
- 6 Tatum Kilmer
- 9 Nathaniel Mackey Rebecca Vredenburgh
- 10 Caroline Hull Oliver Hull
- 12 Allison Noble
- 19 Jacek Holcomb
- 21 Kathy Beveridge Susie Little
- 22 Amanda Nealis Cadence Wakin
- 26 Natalie Austin David Brew
- 29 Laura Gregory
- 30 Sarah Kellogg Quentin McKeegan



- 1 David Wakin
- 2 Kali Weinstein
- 3 Barb Leo
- 4 Brandon Gregory
- 5 Mercedes Newkirk

- 6 Joan Maxwell
 - Beverly Whitmore
- 7 Alexander Haight
- 8 Connor Gioffe
- 12 Alec Austin
- 13 Bea Mooney Shirley Warren
- 14 Jason Little Bethany Althaus-Brew
- 16 David Althaus Linda Burr
- 18 Jamie Roberts
- 21 Jacob Olsen
- 22 Telene Ward Johanna Rippe
- 23 Patricia Sprague
- 26 Killian Newman Stanley Pawlikowski, III
- 27 Cullen LaFever Shanna Yepez
- 28 Kees Mooney



- 1 Lucas Magyar Jeana Baier Roberts
- 4 Susan Gearhart Robbie Olsen
- 5 Teresa (Burr) Patry Margaret Valentine

The Joy of Jesus



The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy. which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy davs from sad davs. successful moments from moments of failure. experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor. passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

-Henri Nouwen, Lifesigns



March 2024

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