



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

December 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"...will he not also give us all things with him?" Romans 8:32b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"He Came Down"

***Call to Worship – Lighting the Advent Candles**

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: Our souls magnify the Lord;

Leader: With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: His mercy is to those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Unison: You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.

***Hymn**

"Love Has Come"

#110

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Love, You came down and lived life with us. That is the greatest gift of all. Your love shows us that we are treasured, are understood, are supported and are welcomed into Your people in this life and Your kingdom in the next. When we forget Your gift and treat others as unimportant, choose not to hear what they mean, leave them in the cold or wish they would go away, forgive us. Heal us with Your truth. Free us to love with Your love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (*Romans 5:6-8*)

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

"Will We Know Him?"

by Price and Besig

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Above and With us, You love the world and all its people, and we know You want us to understand the Truth. Though the Truth sets us free, it also changes us. We know we resist change, even change for the better. So as we open our hearts to Your Word, help us to hear. In Christ's Name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 8:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" verses 1, 2 & 5

#123

Message Reading – Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Today's Light, Tomorrow's Love"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of Love, You give us the gifts of freedom, hope, peace, joy and love. Wow! So it is with amazing gratitude we gift this church family. We ask for Your continued guidance. Bless the year to come. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”*
—Hamilton Wright Mabie

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist
Lighting the Advent Wreath – Mary & Marty Conklin

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of Delhi, New York
December 22, 2024

Welcome to worship. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we share the anticipation of what God is birthing — through Jesus, and in all our lives always.

(Prayer) Some here are exhausted already, God, like a full-term pregnant mother. Some—especially children—are excited for the celebration now just days away. Enfold us all as we worship you, Lord.

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).

We are presenting our **Living Nativity tomorrow night from 5:30 to 7:30**. If you would like to help out there is a sign-up sheet outside the office. You can also speak with Joe and Gia Cantwell for details.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held this Tuesday at 7pm.

We will hold worship here next Sunday, even though it is a 5th Sunday. Pulpit Guest Ron Galley will lead the service.

The office will be closed from Wednesday (Christmas Day) until Monday, Dec 30.

Today is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts 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.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Art Maxwell and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 29 are Alex Cantwell and Cullen LaFever.

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 *For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.* (Luke 1:44). When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading in worship, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the liturgist or pastor, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for worship each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate worship each Sunday.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-15-2024</i>	61 - 54 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 12-15-2024	\$1,745.70
General amount needed year-to-date	\$87,954.00
General amount given YTD as of 12-15-2024	\$92,468.21
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 12-15-2024	\$163.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$16,827.00
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-15-2024	\$3,697.00
Kirk Receipts 12-8-24 to 12-14-24	\$2,344.09
Mission giving week of 12-15-2024	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-15-2024	\$1,226.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-15-2024	\$2,222.00

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

SUNDAY December 22	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY December 23	9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Living Nativity
TUESDAY December 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
WEDNESDAY December 25	<i>Office Closed – Merry Christmas!</i>
THURSDAY December 26	<i>Office Closed – Merry Christmas!</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY December 27	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open
SATURDAY December 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY December 29	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship



Poinsettias



IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Karl Baier and Gert Bell		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Karl Baier		Jeff & Lucas Baier
Karl Baier and Robert Mackey Jr.		Barb & Bob Mackey, Garry & Audrey Mackey, Nate Mackey & Shim and Nicole Mackey
Karl Baier		Jeana & Jamie Roberts, Karleigh & Leo Moran and Michael Roberts
Stoshie Pawlikowski		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Joan L. Pawlikowski (Mom)		Kathy Beveridge
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Dorothy Burgin		Matthew & Lorena Burgin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Donna Burgin		Matthew & Lorena Burgin
	Billy Meredith	Mary Conklin
Ida & Douglas Hume		Margie Hume
Dr. Howard & Evelyn Dickson		Margaret Jones
Barbara Kiviranna		Travis Kiviranna & Family
	Margie Hume	Tom & Barb Leo
John Bauer		Tom & Susie Little
Richard Little		Tom & Susie Little
Gerald Maxwell and Janet Maxwell		Joan Maxwell and Jack Maxwell
Walter Maxwell and Mary Maxwell		Joan Maxwell and Jack Maxwell
	Our ten grandchildren: Aileen, Amanda, Autumn, Maggie, Logan, Lucas, Cooper, Chase,	John & Gwenn Nealis

	Ailish and Ellery	
IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Our parents: Lydia & Raymond Nealis Mabel & Frank Brown		John & Gwenn Nealis
Joe Rosa		David & Heather Rosa
Bill & Ida Sanderson		David & Heather Rosa
Dottie Wilklow		David & Heather Rosa
Joseph & Gladys Rosa		Helen Rosa
Joseph Rosa		Helen Rosa
Leland & Verna Wood		Helen Rosa
Loved Ones and Friends		Helen Rosa
Our parents: Joan & Philip Sullivan Kathryn & Robert Thomson		Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
Our siblings: Tom Sullivan, Kathy Ball and Jim Thomson		Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
	Our children: Pat & Sonia Sullivan Ryan & Val Sullivan	Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
	Our granddaughters: Leona, Aila, Kathryn and Colleen	Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
Robert & Deborah Snyder		Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell
Gerald & Virginia Lee Tyrrell		Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell
Bill & Ida Sanderson and Dottie Wilklow		Shirley Warren
Flobert & Dorothy Warren		Shirley Warren
Wes Warren		Shirley Warren



Wreath in the Choir Loft



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Harry & Lucy Hebbard	Jane & Don Hymers
Alfred & Helen Hymers	
The white bows on these wreaths were generously donated by Kathy Beveridge.	

The Fontanini Nativity figures are given as a gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This gift is in memory of Conrad Larsen and is given by Betty Larsen and Linda and Bruce Burr.



Monetary Gifts Toward Wreaths and Decorations



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Rev. Dr. Bob Barrett and Melody's mother Velma Liskow For the Advent wreath - the stand was given in Velma's memory (1988)	Melody Barrett & Family
My sister, Linda Pawlikowski Gallagher	Kathy Beveridge
Evelyn & Bill Bedient	Joe & Gia Cantwell and Family
Gwendolyn Pugh	Joe & Gia Cantwell and Family
Our parents: Bob & Esther Lee and Stan & Madeline Borow	Kevin & Nancy Lee
Leland & Verna Wood	David & Heather Rosa
Helen and Kay Hoffman	Their children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren
Deborah Swab	Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell

Gerald G. Tyrrell

Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell