



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

**December 29, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

*“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1-2*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*“He Came Down”*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: As we continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us come together with hearts full of joy and Thanksgiving.

**People: Let us once again proclaim the wonder of God’s love that shines brightly on the world.**

**All: Come, let us worship the newborn king, and let our lives reflect the light of his presence. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*

**#119**

**Prayer of Confession**

Friends, let us prepare to enter the new year with hearts that have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another, first in silent prayer. God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance and grace – you know us well, better than we know ourselves. Forgive us our sins on this special Sunday as we honor our newborn king. Amen.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: On this first Sunday of Christmas we are reminded that God’s grace redeems all of creation through Christ. Hear the good news!

**People: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Our light has come. 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**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy God, your son Jesus Christ grew in wisdom as a child. Send your spirit here to us this day, that in the reading of Scripture we may, too, grow in wisdom by the proclamation of your word. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading – Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 2:21-52**

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When

they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      *"The Messiah Has Come, the Promise Fulfilled – What Now?"*      Pulpit Guest Ron Galley

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn**                      *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1,3,5 & 7*                      **#88**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Presentation of Gifts & Offerings**

##### **Call to the Offering**

Leader: Dear Lord God, we give you thanks for all that you accomplished at the time of Jesus' birth. We thank you for the life you gave him, and through him, for the life you give us. As did the wise men, so do we, offering our gifts to him, for his work, for his life in the world today. Bless our offerings this day, in Jesus name. Amen.

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"*                      **#606**

##### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of grace and goodness, whose mercy is everlasting to everlasting, all we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life that we receive in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**                      *"What Child is This?"*                      **#145**

#### **\*Charge to the Congregation**

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *“As we reflect on the first Sunday of Christmas, let us carry the light of Christ’s birth into our lives, sharing its warmth and hope with others, remembering that even in the darkest moments, God’s love shines through.”*

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Leading us in worship this morning:  
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader  
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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# First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York  
**December 29, 2024**

Merry Christmas — yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ's birth, I invite you to bask in the goodness of God. Welcome!

*(Prayer)* As Mary “treasured ... in her heart” all that had happened around Jesus' birth and childhood, help us, God, to treasure your gifts and teachings in our hearts always.

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).

**The fourth Sunday of every month 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 Alex Cantwell and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 5 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** “*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*” (1 John 3:1). During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day and to pray for those people that may annoy us.

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

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| <i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance<br/>Sunday 12-22-2024</i> | 48 - 43 in sanctuary +<br>approx. 5 virtual |
| General amount needed each week                               | \$1,759.08*                                 |
| General amount given week of 12-22-2024                       | \$1,503.00                                  |
| General amount needed year-to-date                            | \$89,713.08                                 |
| General amount given YTD as of 12-22-2024                     | \$93,971.21                                 |
| Fuel Fund needed each week                                    | \$336.54                                    |
| Fuel Fund given week of 12-22-2024                            | \$100.00                                    |
| Fuel Fund needed year-to-date                                 | \$17,163.54                                 |
| Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-22-2024                          | \$3,797.00                                  |
| Kirk Receipts 12-15-24 to 12-21-24                            | \$1,565.10                                  |
| Mission giving week of 12-22-2024                             | \$95.00                                     |
| Mission giving YTD as of 12-22-2024                           | \$1,321.00                                  |
| Apportionment Needed 2024                                     | \$6,930.90                                  |
| Apportionment received YTD as of 12-22-2024                   | \$2,322.00                                  |

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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>December 29</b>  | <b>10:00 am Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>10:30 am Worship</b>  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>December 30</b>  | <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>December 31</b> |   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>January 1</b> | <b><i>Office Closed – Happy New Year!</i></b>   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>January 2</b>  | <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b><br><b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b><br><b>10:30 am Yoga</b>                                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>January 3</b>    | <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b><br><b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b><br><b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b> |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>January 4</b>  | <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b><br><b>10:00 am Yoga</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>January 5</b>    | <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b>  |