



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

December 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

"Fear not..." Luke 2:10

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"He Came Down"

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

Leader: We come to prepare the way;

People: the way for Christ –

Leader: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ

People: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness:

People: the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Leader: We come to be part of the light –

People: the light that shines in the darkness.

***Hymn**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

#136

Prayer of Confession

Lord Above and in Our Hearts, you tell us to rest easy. Our brains are cooking away at 2am. We are trying to figure it all out even though 24 hours is generally all we can really manage. Sometimes we are trying to make the impossible work. Sometimes we try to figure out how to change someone who has decided to stay the way they are. Forgive us for trying to be stronger than You are, or smarter or something. Thank you for the assurance that though the world is broken, life is possible. Thank you for saying that we should take it one day at a time. Thank you for your guidance. Thank you for forgiving us and putting us back on the right path. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. *(Hebrews 8:10, 12)*

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

"An Advent Reflection"

by Martin

Prayer for Illumination

God of Truth and of Light, we turn our thoughts to You. As we open Your Word together, open our hearts to Your Spirit.

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:1-12

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Once in Royal David's City"

#140

Message Reading – Luke 2:13-15

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Today's Light, Tomorrow's Peace"

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"

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

You have given us the gift of Yourself. You have paid the price of salvation and gifted it to us. So it is eagerly, with happy hearts, that we hand these gifts to You. Bless Your work. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#121

***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"The world can't save itself. That's the message of Christmas." —Timothy Keller*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Susie Little, Liturgist

Lighting the Advent Wreath – Tom & Barb Leo

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of Delhi, New York
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Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah.

(Prayer) Paul writes: "Every time I think of you, I thank my God." Today we thank God for each other.

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 will be having a dish-to-pass Christmas Luncheon after church next Sunday, Dec 15th. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship!

Joe and Toni Weaver are holding an open house on Saturday, December 21 from 2pm to 8pm to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. All are welcome to drop by!

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 Ed Goff and Kevin Lee. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 15 are Alex Cantwell and Tom Leo.

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 *"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10). During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.*

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-1-2024</i>	51 - 45 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 12-1-2024	\$2,798.08
General amount needed year-to-date	\$84,435.84
General amount given YTD as of 12-1-2024	\$86,907.71
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 12-1-2024	\$100.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$16,153.92
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-1-2024	\$3,144.00
Kirk Receipts 11-23-24 to 11-30-24	\$2,118.42
Mission giving week of 12-1-2024	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-1-2024	\$1,206.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-1-2024	\$1,992.50

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

SUNDAY December 8	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY December 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY December 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:00 pm PNC Meeting (Library)
WEDNESDAY December 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY December 12	<i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY December 13	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY December 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY December 15	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Christmas Luncheon