



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

**January 26, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

*"...a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Ephesians 2:22*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 19:7-9)**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

**People: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

**People: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**Unison: The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" verses 1,2,5 & 6*

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**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord our God, how many ways do I distrust You, others and myself? How I want to go it alone. I have little wisdom and a great deal of self-deceit, but I think I am better off with myself than with You. Yet I have no reason to flee from You. By Your grace and the wisdom of Your Word, turn me around. Make me Your child and a part of Your family. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." (*Zephaniah 3:17*)

**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

You have told us that it is by the power of Your Spirit that we can understand the Scriptures, so we pray for that Spirit now. We open our hearts to you. Pour your love into us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-13

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. On the second day of the month, the heads of all the families, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered around Ezra the teacher to give attention to the words of the Law.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Hymn

*"As the Deer"*

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## Message Reading – Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"New Family"*

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**

Seated here with my family in Christ, I am surrounded by the beauty of Your holiness. You never forget your own. You are with me now and will be with me in the hour of my death. So it is only natural for me to give. Bless the act and bless the gift. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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

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

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

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

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *"Jesus says that we are to take his hand, together we will see this through."*

*—Anonymous*

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Bessie Tyrrell, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

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Welcome, dear family in Christ. May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship and Christian fellowship today.

*(Prayer)* Sometimes our hearts feel cold, like the snowy ground during a northern winter. Nurture seeds of growth deep inside us, Great Gardener, so we may soon bloom with love and faith.

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).



**A CALL** has been issued by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held virtually and in person immediately following worship on Sunday, **February 2, 2025**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review annual reports, receive the budget, and address any other business that may come properly before the Congregation. The 2024 Annual Reports are now available for review.

The **Mission committee emphasis** for the month of January is the **Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund**. We will collect now to have money on hand the next time a disaster occurs. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, just use the mission envelopes or write "Presbyterian Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your continued support.

**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 Ed Goff and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 2 are Cullen LaFever and Kevin Lee.

The **Annual Report**, the **Jan-Feb Courier** and our **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:** *"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10).* Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that he has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2025 has been set at \$49.29 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-19-2025</i>	46 - 41 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 1-19-2025	\$2,074.29
General amount needed year-to-date	\$5,206.86
General amount given YTD as of 1-19-2025	\$7,427.15
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 1-19-2025	\$10.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$201.93
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-19-2025	\$65.00
Kirk Receipts 1-12-25 to 1-18-25	\$1,439.23
Mission giving week of 1-19-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 1-19-2025	\$17.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 1-19-2025	\$445.19

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> January 26	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> January 27	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> January 28	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>4:30 pm PNC Meeting (Library)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> January 29	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Yoga</b> <b>1:00 pm Calling Hours for Marilyn Wickham</b> <b>2:00 pm Funeral for Marilyn Wickham</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> January 30	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> January 31	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> February 1	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> February 2	<b>9:45 am Choir</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting</b>