

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

**January 5, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion & Sunday Closest to Epiphany**

“...and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” *Ephesians 3:19*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**



**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*“Surely the Presence”*

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 147:12-15)**

Leader: Extol the LORD, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.

**People: He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.**

Leader: He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

**Unison: He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

**\*Hymn**

*“The First Nowell” verses 1,3,4 & 5*

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**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of the New Year, as we enter 2025 help us to remember our story. We really do know the difference between what works and what we wished did. Somewhere within we have a pretty good idea as to what You want and what we do. Strengthen the Christ within us so we might reflect your glory on the earth. In all we do, we would love with Your love. In Christ’s Name, Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (*Ephesians 2:4-5*)

**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**

*“The King of Glory Comes”*

by Jabusch

## 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 – Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring you gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Message Reading – Ephesians 3:16-21

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

*"Remember Your Story"*

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, we give because You give, so add Your blessing to our giving, that lives might be built up. We join with You in wanting people to be saved from empty living and paths that lead to nowhere. In Christ's Name, Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Holy Communion

### \*Communion Hymn

*"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

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### \*Invitation

## **\*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.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer**

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

## **Words of Institution**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

### **Distribution**

*Those taking communion are asked to hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing our unity in the Spirit of Christ, then to drink individually the cup, symbolizing our personal commitment to Christ.*

## **Prayer After Communion**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

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

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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**Thought for the Day:** *“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”*  
—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Trustee Kevin Lee, Liturgist

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of Delhi, New York

January 5, 2025

The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts. We too have been guided here by God's light, to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts of love. Welcome.

*(Prayer)* Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season, shine your light on our paths. Amen.

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).

**Monday, Jan 6 is the deadline for Jan-Feb newsletter submissions. If you have anything for the upcoming Courier, please get it to Darcy tomorrow.**

**Monday, Jan 13 is the deadline for Annual Report submissions. Please get your reports to Darcy promptly!**

**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 Tom Little and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 12 are Kevin Lee and Ed Chytalo.

**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** "...*They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*" (Matthew 2:11). What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we reflect God's wisdom, pray to God and unite our sufferings with Jesus' every day.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Christmas Eve 12-24-2024</i>	92 - 86 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-29-2024</i>	33 - 27 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given 12-24-2024	\$1,433.21
General amount given 12-29-2024	\$1,077.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$91,472.16
General amount given YTD as of 12-29-2024	\$96,481.42
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given 12-24-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund given 12-29-2024	\$115.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$17,500.08
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-29-2024	\$3,912.00
Kirk Receipts 12-22-24 to 12-28-24	Closed for Christmas
Mission giving 12-24-2024	\$210.00
Mission giving 12-29-2024	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 12-29-2024	\$1,556.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 12-29-2024	\$2,422.00

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> January 5	<b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> January 6	<b><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></b> <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>5:30 pm Session Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> January 7	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:00 am Fire Inspection</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> January 8	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Yoga</b> <b>5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> January 9	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> January 10	<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> January 11	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> January 12	<b>9:30 am Deacons Meeting</b> <b>9:45 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>