



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

February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

"...like a tree planted by the water..." Jeremiah 17:8

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Surely the Presence"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 1)**

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

People: but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Unison: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

***Hymn**

"I Danced in the Morning"

#157

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, in spite of what You have shown me in Jesus Christ, I still feel unworthy. So, I avoid the thought of You. I am just uneasy because I think I am unworthy. I understand that in their uneasiness some people say You don't exist. That's not me. But in my uneasiness I have trouble believing that You really do insist on Your commandments. I tell myself that You are so perfect and so loving You will not hold us accountable for the harm we create. We call sin a mistake and try to erase our awareness of the hurt we cause. So as we approach Your presence in our hearts, help us see that You truly are the Creator. We don't make up the rules for life, You do. And if our hearts have been led down wrong paths, return us to Your way. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)

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

"We Will Keep Our Faith Alive"

by Price/Besig

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, You are wisdom itself. I need what you have. You are kindness itself. I need to know how to live that in my life. You are life. So open my eyes to Your Truth so that I might know that You truly are with me even at this moment. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:20-26

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#366

Message Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-10

This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Heart"

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 loved us, so we have life as You intended for us. And we are so grateful. Take our gifts and our joy and work Your good will in the lives of those around us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn**

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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***Charge to the Congregation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" —Jeremiah 29:11*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship. God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself. All who are thirsty, come and drink!

(Prayer) God, we come to you with many preoccupations. Settle our spirits in the embrace of your love and peace. 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).

Today we will be having our **Chili Cook-Off Luncheon!** Come prepared to eat lots of chili, and we hope you brought one of your own!

If anyone is interested in **learning how to run the livestream** for our Sunday services, please contact the church office. Darcy will be happy to schedule a time to demonstrate the system and give instructions and lessons to help you feel comfortable operating the technology. If you think you might be interested, you can always see how it works before you commit to learning or operating the software.

The **Mission committee emphasis** for the month of February is the Church World Service Tools & Blankets mission. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, just use the mission envelopes or write "CWS" on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your continued support.

The fourth Sunday in 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 Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 23 are Tom Leo 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: *"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."* (Luke 6:22). All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-9-2025</i>	39 - 30 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 2-9-2025	\$1,498.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$10,413.72
General amount given YTD as of 2-9-2025	\$11,735.44
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 2-9-2025	\$1.36
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$403.86
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-9-2025	\$201.36
Kirk Receipts 2-2-25 to 2-8-25	\$1,834.68
Mission giving week of 2-9-2025	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-9-2025	\$62.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-9-2025	\$594.48

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

SUNDAY February 16	9:45 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Chili Cook-Off
MONDAY February 17	<i>Office Closed in observation of Presidents' Day</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY February 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY February 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY February 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 21	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 February 22	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY February 23	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship