



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

March 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

"...we do not lose heart." 2 Corinthians 4:1

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Surely the Presence"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 99:1-4)**

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

Unison: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

***Hymn**

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

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Prayer of Confession

We have seen Your face and know it is glorious. We have felt Your presence and know Your people. We know You are with us and call us to walk in the way You did. One problem, though. You are bold. The Spirit You offer is bold. But we are not so bold. We want to get along even when that means saying or doing things that do not reflect who You are. We don't want to be a goody-two-shoes, but You show us that Your Father requires us to display our hearts. In short, You make us bold but we don't want to follow. Teach us Your ways and give us the strength to do what is right. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand." (*John 10:14-15, 28-29*)

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

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

You are the Shepherd who knows the way, so by Your Spirit open our eyes to truth, our hearts to love that truth and our will to have the strength to live the truth. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – 2 Corinthians 3:18 - 4:2

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Changed Life"

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**

You gave us Yourself, our Shepherd and our King. At birth You gave us talents and interests and abilities, then You called us according to Your purposes to use them to create a bit of Heaven in the midst of living. How amazing. So, we happily give You a part of what we have. We ask for Your blessing to follow our gifts. Lift our hearts during communion to your throne. We would be Your joyful people today and look forward to being with You tomorrow. In Christ's name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

*Communion Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

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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

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

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*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth."* —Lysa TerKeurst

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Susie Little, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.

(Prayer) We love a good "mountaintop experience," Jesus, but life isn't always like that. As you call us into daily, "down-to-earth" ministry, help us follow in good 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).

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Margie Jones in memory of her sister Lois Dickson Palin.

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 March is One Great Hour of Sharing. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, just use the mission envelopes or write "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your continued support.

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 Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 9 are Ed Chytalo and Cullen LaFever.

The **March-April 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: *"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43).* Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how he would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of his name.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we use God's gifts in the way he intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of his name.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-23-2025</i>	41 - 32 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 2-23-2025	\$2,411.29
General amount needed year-to-date	\$13,884.96
General amount given YTD as of 2-23-2025	\$14,561.73
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 2-23-2025	\$85.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$538.48
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-23-2025	\$286.36
Kirk Receipts 2-16-25 to 2-22-25	\$1,628.58
Mission giving week of 2-23-2025	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 2-23-2025	\$112.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-23-2025	\$594.48

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

SUNDAY March 2	9:45 am Choir 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY March 3	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY March 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY March 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY March 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 7	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 March 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 9	<i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship