



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELHI, NY**

## **MARCH - APRIL 2025 COURIER**

### **Special dates**

- *Worship with Communion, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, March 2*
- *Daylight Savings Time Begins, March 9*
- *Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, March 9*
- *Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, March 16*
- *St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, 11:30 am, Chapel, March 16*
- *Deadline for Easter Lily Orders, March 17*
- *First day of Spring, March 20*
- *Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, March 23*
- *Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, March 30*
- *Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, April 6*
- *Easter Fellowship Event, 10:00 am, April 12*
- *Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, April 13*
- *Easter Sunrise Worship Service, 6:30 am, Flats Cemetery, April 20*
- *Easter Breakfast, 7:30 am, Chapel, April 20*
- *Easter Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, April 20*
- *Newsletter Deadline, Monday, April 21*
- *Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, April 27*



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<b>SESSION</b> – next meetings Mar 3, Apr 7 and May 5 at 5:30 pm		
2025	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536
	Joe Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3875
2026	Nancy Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
	Renee Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6128
	Nancy Morley, 4993 County Hwy 14, Treadwell, NY 13846	434-6318

<b>DEACONS</b> – next meetings Mar 9, Apr 13 and May 11 at 9:30 am		
2025	Betty Bell, 22 Sunset Ave, Sidney, NY 13838	561-9387
	Linda Dewitt, 48734 St Hwy 10, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3590
	Leslie McKeegan, 47900 State Highway 10, Delhi, NY 13753	437-7890
	Toni Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3987
2026	Karen LaFever, 74 Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
2027	Mary Conklin, PO Box 202, Hamden, NY 13782	865-4387

<b>TRUSTEES</b> – next meetings Mar 19 and Apr 16 at 6:00 pm		
2025	Cullen LaFever, 74 Meredith Street, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
	Kevin Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
	Tom Leo, 200 Spencer Heights, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8265
2026	Kathy Beveridge, 9786 Co. Hwy 14, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6283
	Ed Goff, 485 Dunham Rd, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8709
	Tom Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536
2027	Alex Cantwell, 22B Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	434-6081
	Joe Cantwell, 13491 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3611
	Ed Chytalo, 16 Court St, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8643

<b>TREASURER</b>	George Thompson, 517 Olin Evans Rd, Franklin, NY 13775	829-6005
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<b>CLERK OF SESSION</b>	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536

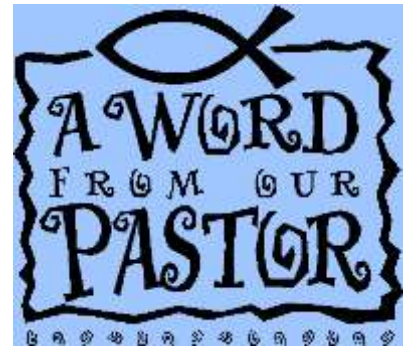




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*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)*

I am looking out the window watching winter give way to spring. That is always a messy work. Dirty snow. Slush. Sudden freezes. Snow. Rain. Just a mess.

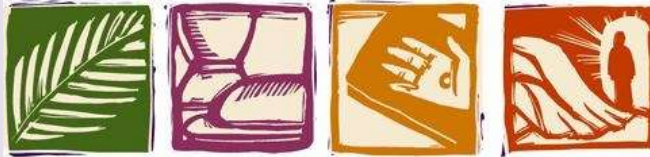
Yet, it is also true that God is preparing the crabapples to bloom, the grass to grow again and the chill to give way to gentle warmth.

So, we see it all the time. Stuff that is messy and even discouraging prepares for something good. God invites us to remember where the mess led to the last time and know it is leading us somewhere good this time as well.

Easter is coming. Lent begins on the 9<sup>th</sup>. What could be messier than the weeks before the crucifixion and the resurrection? Relationships were strained. People were confused. Things were headed to a crisis. Jesus appeared small, even helpless given the forces that were against him. But God changes everything.

God still changes everything. Happy mud season. In the end God wins. In the end the spring comes. It always does.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 13:** We will join for worship at 10:30 am virtually and in the sanctuary on this Sunday.



**Maundy Thursday, April 17:** Details are still to be determined. Please watch the Church Life as we get closer to Holy Week!

**Good Friday, April 18:** Details are still to be determined. Please watch the Church Life as we get closer to Holy Week!



**Easter Sunday, April 20:** We'll gather at 6:30 a.m. at the Old Flats Cemetery for an early service of worship and praise. Breakfast will follow at the church!

**Easter Sunday, April 20:** Easter Worship Service of praise for our Risen Lord! We will gather for this special worship at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary and virtually. Come join in grateful praise!

## Mark Your Calendar and Join Us for Food!



The Fellowship Committee will be facilitating Dish-to-Pass Luncheons, held the 3rd Sunday of every month, from November until May! Each luncheon will have a theme that you can follow (or not) when picking what dish you want to bring! You bring your own table service and we will provide beverages. We will be dining in the chapel. We can't wait to fellowship with you!!

**March 16** - Saint Patrick's Day

**April 20** – Easter Breakfast (7:30am)

**May 18** - BBQ



# 2025 Easter Lilies Order Form

Easter is just around the corner! All members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to provide LILIES for our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. The plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special to you, or as a gift to the Church. Those giving plants will be listed in the Church Bulletin on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to order a plant, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it to or leave it at the Church Office no later than Monday, March 17. Lilies are \$10.00 each this year. Make checks payable to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (please note "Lilies" in the memo section of your check), and WE WILL ORDER THE PLANT FOR YOU.

You may take your plant after the service on Easter Sunday, April 20, but unless special arrangements are made, any lilies not picked up on Sunday, April 20 will be distributed by the Deacons. Protective wrappers will be in the Session Room for you to cover your plant in the event of cold weather.

Thank you for contributing to the joy and beauty of this celebration of Christ's Resurrection.



BOARD OF DEACONS  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AS YOU WANT IT LISTED IN THE BULLETIN:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my plant after the Service on Easter Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my plant;  
please have the Deacons brighten someone's day! \_\_\_\_\_

**THE PRICE FOR THE LILIES THIS YEAR IS \$10.00**

**REMINDER: Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Please note "Lilies" in the memo section of your check. Orders must be placed by March 17.**

# Mission

## One Great Hour of Sharing



### **Our March Mission Emphasis**

During the month of March our church mission focus will be One Great Hour of Sharing which is a PCUSA mission. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**In the month of April our mission will be focused on Church World Service Personal Care Kits. Betty Bell is currently working on assembling these kits. The items we need to complete the kits are as follows:**

- 1-gallon re-sealable plastic bags
- Toothbrushes (in original packing)
- Bath-size bars of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)

If you are able to supply these, see Betty or drop them off at the church office. The church also needs financial support to ship these kits. We pay \$2.00/kit. These kits are given out to individuals and families all over the world when they have a need from disaster or poverty situations.

## TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025

- Regular FPC bills for January and February have been reviewed, approved and paid.
- All furnaces were serviced for the year.
- Code and fire inspections were performed for the year.
- Five shelving units were installed along the wall in the Fellowship Hall for Kirk storage totes.
- Phone and Wi-Fi systems will be upgraded from the current residential mesh network system to a business class network.
- Thank you to trustees for shoveling, sanding and plowing Church/Manse sidewalks and parking lots. They were very busy this year!

## Apportionment



The **Per Capita amount for 2025** has been set at **\$49.29 per member**. Per Capita apportionment is based on church membership as of December 31, 2023. Our apportionment is based on 123 members giving a total of \$6,062.67. The money is paid by our church to cover our share of basic operation costs of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Each member is invited to contribute \$49.29 to help pay this obligation.

# The Bulletin Board

## COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

**MARCH 2, 2025**



**APRIL 6, 2025**

Worship, participate, commune and open your eyes and your hearts to the living Christ in your life.

## Addresses Needed for Those Away in College & Military

Please contact the church office by phone, email or post with our church family's students or military service personnel addresses for this year. Our caring congregation wishes to encourage those students and military who are part of our church family with cards and prayers and maybe even a care package at times! Help us help members of our church family who are students or in the military to stay connected to their church family.

## Address & Email Corrections

If you move or change your email address, please contact the church office as soon as possible but at least within 30 days, with your new mailing or emailing information. Thank you for helping us maintain communication in a timely manner.



## Find Us on YouTube!

Our Sunday services are livestreamed on our YouTube Channel. You can find us at:

[www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)

[@firstpresbyterianchurchofdelhi](https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofdelhi)

Click the "Live" tab to find our services. Sermons and other videos are also available. Like our videos and subscribe!

## DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

**The Upper Room** and **Our Daily Bread** devotionals are available in the new narthex and also outside the church office. If you wish to make a contribution to defray the cost, there is a wooden box on the table outside the office or contributions may be left in the office.

**We are no longer accepting bottle and can donations, so please do not leave any bags of empty containers here at the church. Thank you!**



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## ~ Memorial Service ~

The Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Robert Barrett will be held on Saturday, June 21st at 1:00 pm at the Ellicottville, NY United (Presbyterian) Church with a reception to follow.

### **Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the following families:**

Kathy Fennell on the passing of Marilyn Wickham on January 22, 2025.

Jim Merwin and Patti Branigan on the passing of Jim's brother Allen Merwin on February 1, 2025.



**If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office. We would rather be notified ten times than not be aware of the needs of the church family!**

**Our prayers are with those who have recently had outpatient procedures, surgery, are facing major changes in their lives, been hospitalized or are facing difficult health concerns.**



## Livestream

**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.**

# Thank You



Think of you so often and miss each one of you. Thank you for the cards, notes, calls and visits to help us stay connected. We keep you in our prayers.

In Christ,

Dave & Nancy



I would like to thank my Church Family for all the support they have given me and the rides to all my appointments. A special thank you to Pastor Jamie for his prayers and visits, and to the Deacons for their calls, visits and flowers over the last several months. I really appreciated it.

Margie Hume



## From your Fellowship Committee

*Sunday, March 16* there will be a traditional St Patrick's Day Dinner after church in the chapel. All you need to bring is a dessert to share or just a friend to share the meal.

*Saturday, April 12* from 10-12 there will be a family event to celebrate Easter. There will be pictures with the Easter bunny and project to complete that will then be donated to a resident of the Delhi Rehab Center.

*Sunday, April 20* following Sunrise Service at Flats Cemetery (6:30) there will be a light breakfast back at the church in the chapel (7:30-8:30). Please join us as we celebrate the rising of Jesus.

## The Blessing of Fellowship

**Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.**

**—Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

# Church Activities

## WORSHIP FLOWERS

Mar 2 -  
9 -  
16 -  
23 -  
30 -

Apr 6 -  
13 -  
20 - Lilies  
27 -



## LITURGISTS

Mar 2 - Susie Little  
9 - Tom Little  
16 - Kevin Lee  
23 - Rusty Maxwell  
30 - Linda Malcolm

Apr 6 - TBD  
13 - TBD  
20 - TBD  
27 - TBD

## OFFICE NOTES

If you have an item or announcement to be placed in the Church Life section of the bulletin, it must be in the office by 9:00 on Thursday morning.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, April 21, 2025 in order to be placed in the May - June Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it will certainly be appreciated.

**LOOKING FOR WAYS  
TO SERVE?**



**2025 Flower sign-up** is now on the bulletin board across from the office. If you would like to offer flowers for worship on a Sunday, please sign up on the poster or give the church office a call. Thank you for helping enhance our worship!

Anyone wishing to participate in the Worship Service as **Liturgist** should contact the church office.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2:00 am on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please remember to turn your analog clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Birthdays in our Church Family



- 2 – Leslie Mignier
- 4 – Christopher Mooney  
Robert Wilklow
- 6 – Tatum Kilmer
- 9 – Nathaniel Mackey  
Rebecca Vredenburg
- 10 – Caroline Hull  
Oliver Hull
- 12 – Allison Noble
- 19 – Jacek Holcomb
- 21 – Kathy Beveridge  
Susie Little  
Bernice Telian
- 22 – Amanda Nealis  
Cadence Wakin
- 26 – Natalie Austin  
David Brew
- 29 – Laura Gregory
- 30 – Sarah Kellogg  
Quentin McKeegan



- 1 – David Wakin
- 2 – Kali Weinstein
- 3 – Barb Leo
- 4 – Brandon Gregory
- 5 – Mercedes Newkirk
- 6 – Joan Maxwell  
Beverly Whitmore
- 7 – Alexander Haight
- 8 – Connor Gioffe
- 12 – Alec Austin
- 13 – Bea Mooney  
Shirley Warren
- 14 – Jason Little  
Bethany Althaus-Brew
- 16 – David Althaus  
Linda Burr
- 18 – Jamie Roberts
- 21 – Jacob Olsen
- 22 – Telene Ward  
Johanna Rippe
- 23 – Patricia Sprague
- 26 – Killian Newman  
Stanley Pawlikowski, III
- 27 – Cullen LaFever  
Shanna Yepéz
- 28 – Kees Mooney



- 1 – Lucas Magyar  
Jeana Baier Roberts
- 4 – Susan Gearhart  
Robbie Olsen
- 5 – Teresa (Burr) Patry  
Margaret Valentine

## **Two-Way Benefits**

“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless,” observed Connecticut politician Pauline Keezer. “But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.” Indeed, it’s impossible to shine light in someone else’s life without lighting up your own.

We might think being generous toward another with our time or possessions leaves us with less. But as Jesus said, “Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39, NIV). How common it is that when we minister to others in Christ’s name, we find we have also — or perhaps even more so — received ministry. This is the miracle of God’s love at work.



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00 am Kirk Open 11:30 am Yoga
<b>2</b> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk work day 5:30 pm Session Meeting	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations	<b>5</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Kirk Open 11:30 am Yoga
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