



The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

"The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David." Luke 1:32b

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir *"4th Movement from Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"* arr. by Eithun

***Call to Worship (Psalm 51:7-9)**

Leader: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Unison: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

***Hymn** *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* #169

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. *(Psalm 51:10-12)*

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 – Bell Choir *"Sheep May Safely Graze"* arr. by Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

We do not understand Your Word on our own. It is not what we expect and at times it is not what we want. We know we are simply great at avoiding grasping what we do not want to understand. So in all humility, we ask for the help of Your Spirit. Be with us in reading, speaking and hearing of Your Word. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 58:1-4

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God” (sing twice)

#288

Message Reading – Luke 1:26-32

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Lost in Translation - The Last Kingdom”

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

Come with Blessing. Come with Wisdom. Come with Forgiveness and with Joy. For You want us to be Your people on the earth. In Christ’s name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

#819

*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” —Teresa of Avila*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist

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The apostle Paul wrote: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." So we call on God's name and rejoice! Welcome.

(Prayer) God, when we are tempted to trust other people or things more than you, lead us by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. 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).

Please join us for a **Saint Patrick's Day Dinner** after church Sunday March 16 in the Chapel. A traditional Irish dinner will be provided. You just bring your plate and fork and a dessert to share!

There will be a **Spaghetti Dinner on March 19 to benefit David Anderson, Jr.** as he battles stomach and pancreatic cancer. The dinner will be at the Delhi Fire Department from 4-7pm. Dine-in, get your food to go, or even have it delivered (see poster in the New Narthex for conditions and details).

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.

In April we will be sending out **CWS Health Kits**. Betty Bell is currently assembling the kits. If anyone wants to donate items toward the kits, what she needs specifically are washcloths and fragrance-free body lotion (travel/trial-size).

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 Ed Chytalo and Cullen LaFever. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 16 are Ed Goff and Kathy Beveridge.

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: *"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."* (Deuteronomy 26:10) This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we give God the "first fruits" of our gifts – our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

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

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| <i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-2-2025</i> | 38 - 34 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual |
| General amount needed each week | \$1,735.62 |
| General amount given week of 3-2-2025 | \$1,585.00 |
| General amount needed year-to-date | \$15,620.58 |
| General amount given YTD as of 3-2-2025 | \$16,146.73 |
| Fuel Fund needed each week | \$67.31 |
| Fuel Fund given week of 3-2-2025 | \$10.00 |
| Fuel Fund needed year-to-date | \$605.79 |
| Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-2-2025 | \$296.36 |
| Kirk Receipts 2-23-25 to 3-1-25 | \$1,752.03 |
| Mission giving week of 3-2-2025 | \$105.00 |
| Mission giving YTD as of 3-2-2025 | \$217.00 |
| Apportionment Needed 2025 | \$6,062.67 |
| Apportionment received YTD as of 3-2-2025 | \$619.48 |

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

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| SUNDAY March 9 | <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship |
| MONDAY March 10 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day |
| TUESDAY March 11 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations |
| WEDNESDAY March 12 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY March 13 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day |
| FRIDAY March 14 | 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 15 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 11:00 am Yoga |
| SUNDAY March 16 | 9:45 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am St. Patrick's Day Dinner |