

First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

January 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Second Sunday of Christmas

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" Philipians 2:8b



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Sanctuary"

***Call to Worship:** *(God Instructs Moses to Teach Aaron and His Children How to Bless His Family)*

Leader: The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you;

People: the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

Leader: the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Unison: So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

***Hymn**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

#458

Prayer of Confession

As we enter a new year, we remember that as your priests You call us to recognize love in relationships that reflect who You are. You call us to choose to live that love. That is what You did. You became one of us. In Word and in Deed You lived love.

So this New Year, we yearn to show the world that sort of love, the sort that we meet in You. We know we can live the Truth. At times we do live the Truth of Your abundance with others.

With that in mind, we confess that when we are living as though we have to grasp tight what we call our own, we are living the sort of self-love the world understands. We regret our lack of trust in Your abundance. Restore us to our rightful minds. May others experience peace when they see Your face through our face. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives... transgression...? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. *(Micah 7:18)*

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

#581

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem *“Dona Nobis Pacem”* arr. by Behnke

Prayer for Illumination

God before whom every knee will bow, I bow before You in gratitude for Your gift. You teach me that I am acceptable both in my glory and my folly. And in that is great freedom. So open my ears to Your Word, my eyes to Your actions and my hands to Your work. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Epistle Reading – Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“The Mind of Christ”* Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offertory

***Choral Response** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **#606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

You have always given Your people celebrations of new possibilities. From the days of Abraham we have celebrated New Moons, Turning of the Year, Harvest and Planting Times. And so You call us to treasure what is True in the Old and what is Possible in the New. May these gifts given in love speak of both Truth that is Eternal and Possibilities as fresh as today. In the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

If you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are welcome to join us in Communion.

Communion Hymn *“As the Deer”* **#626**

***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** *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* **#610**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“I do not always feel His presence, but God’s promises do not depend upon my feelings, they rest upon His integrity.” —R.C. Sproul*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
TBD, Liturgist



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We’re so glad you’re here! There are many good reasons to come to church, but the best one is to worship and thank God for His amazing love — shown through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That’s what our church is all about.

(Prayer) Light of the world, shine in our hearts today. As the Magi once followed your star, lead us closer to you and guide our steps in the year ahead.

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).

Our **January mission** is Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Funds are collected and then held until they are needed. If you wish to contribute to this mission, please mark your checks or use the mission envelopes in the pews.

The deadline for newsletter submissions is Monday, January 5. If you have any articles or content for the Jan-Feb Courier, please get it to Darcy tomorrow!

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 Goff and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 11 are Tom Little 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: *“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)* The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we are generous with all of our gifts, especially the one thing that means the most to us.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-24-2025 (Christmas Eve)	76 - 74 in sanctuary + approx. 2 virtual
Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 12-28-2025	35 - 29 in sanctuary + approx. 6 virtual
General amount needed each week General amount given week of 12-28-2025	\$1,735.62 \$2,803.00
General amount needed year-to-date General amount given YTD as of 12-28-2025	\$90,252.24 \$90,899.54
Fuel Fund needed each week Fuel Fund given week of 12-28-2025	\$67.31 \$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date Fuel Fund given YTD as of 12-28-2025	\$3,500.12 \$2,853.36
Kirk Receipts 12-21-25 to 12-27-25 Mission giving week of 12-28-2025 Mission giving YTD as of 12-28-2025	Closed for Christmas \$10.00 \$1,019.00
Apportionment Needed 2025 Apportionment received YTD as of 12-28-2025	\$6,062.67 \$2,286.38

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

SUNDAY January 4	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY January 5	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study 4:15 pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY January 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY January 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY January 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY January 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY January 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY January 11	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship

First Presbyterian Church actively exists as the living body of Christ, committed to growing in faithfulness to God, serving the whole human family and welcoming all people into God’s love.
(Our Mission Statement)