

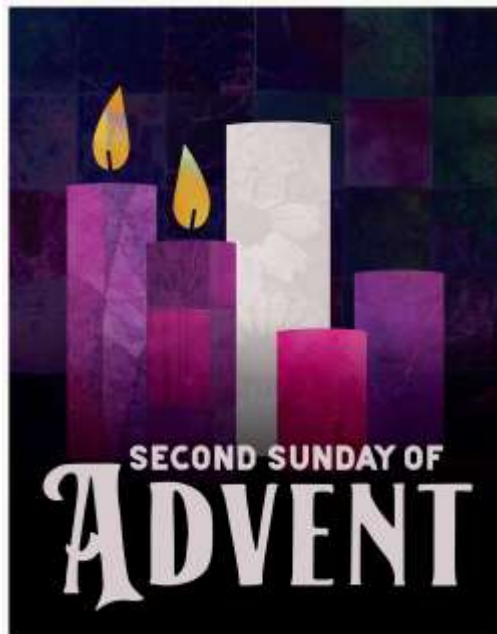
**First Presbyterian Church  
Delhi, New York**

**December 7, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion & Second Sunday in Advent: Peace**

*“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7*



**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

by Rowan

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candles (Malachi 3:1-4)** Tammi Tully & Talia Specht

Tammi: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Talia and People: We yearn for peace. We live in a time of turmoil. You are refining your people again. Help us to remain cheerful and full of good hope because You are with us. Christmas time is time with Christ Emmanuel. Thank you.**

Anna Newbold & Vincent Specht - *Lighting of the Hope and Peace Candles*

**\*Hymn**

*“Away in a Manger”*

**#115**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We come before you, Mighty God, asking forgiveness and cleansing for our lives that are rough and unfinished. Cleanse us, purify us, give us your gentle love, your pure peace, and your shining hope. Let the offering of our lives be beautiful and unhindered. Let our hearts be steadfast and sure as we face the future, knowing that the future is yours and held in your kind and loving hands. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As Zachariah sang at the birth of his son John the Baptist, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.” (Luke 1:68)

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Anthem**                      *“Hope in Me”* (with Jackie Gibson on violin)                      by Johnson

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord of Wisdom and Understanding, during the season of light come. I open my heart to You. You are the giver of life. In Your peace is strength. In Your peace we can put aside our concerns for self and really see your children around us. As we consider Peace, we confess our distraction. We confess our self-absorption. We confess our denseness. We ask for forgiveness and for new life. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading – Psalm 72:1-7**

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message Reading – Romans 15:4-13**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.” Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.” And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*“Bring Praise to God”*

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**

We return thanks with heart and mind and gifts of money and time. You have given us life, beauty, strength for tomorrow and hope. We are grateful. In the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*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.

### **Holy Communion**

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

**Communion Hymn**                      *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*                      **#347**

**\*Invitation**

**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 Little Town of Bethlehem"

#121

\*Benediction

Postlude

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\*You may stand

**Thought for the Day:** *"And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."*  
—Jesus Christ

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

Advent Candle Readers/Lighters

Tammi Tully  
Talia Specht  
Vincent Specht  
Anna Newbold



## First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York December 7, 2025

On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all.

*(Prayer)* Help us have quiet and joyful spirits as we worship you, our loving Creator.

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).

**Poinsettia Orders** are due this Thursday (December 11). Please get your orders in this week!

The fellowship committee invites you to a special **concert by Trio Demeter Momentum** this afternoon (December 7) at 4pm in the sanctuary to benefit the Little Delaware Youth Ensemble. The concert will be followed by a **Christmas Hors d'oeuvres and Mocktails Party** in the chapel.



A CALL has been issued by the Session for a Special Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, December 14, 2025**. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2026. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.

Our annual **Living Nativity** will be presented on **Tuesday, Dec 23** from 5:30 to 7:00pm in two 45-minute shifts. We very much need your help to fill all the roles! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, or you can speak with Joe & Gia or Darcy in the office if you are willing to help out.

**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 Joe Cantwell and Kathy Beveridge.  
The Trustees responsible for counting on December 14 are Ed Goff and Kevin Lee.

**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:** *“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10) Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?*

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

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

Attendance (at Andes Presbyterian Church) Sunday 11-30-2025	19
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 11-30-2025	\$750.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$83,309.76
General amount given YTD as of 11-30-2025	\$79,529.67
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 11-30-2025	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,230.88
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-30-2025	\$2,603.36
Kirk Receipts 11-23-25 to 11-29-25	\$2,014.39
Mission giving week of 11-30-2025	\$5.00
Mission giving YTD as of 11-30-2025	\$984.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-30-2025	\$1,748.51

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

**Slate of Nominees for 2026**

Session:

Susie Little (re-upping)  
Joe Weaver (re-upping)  
Kevin Lee

Deacons:

Betty Bell (re-upping)  
Linda Dewitt (re-upping)  
Toni Weaver (re-upping)

Trustees:

Tom Leo (re-upping)  
Art Maxwell (replacing Kevin Lee)

Leslie Doig will be leaving the Deacons for the coming year  
Cullen LaFever & Kevin Lee will be leaving the Trustees for the coming year. Thank you all for your service on our boards!

<b>SUNDAY</b> December 7	9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 4:00 pm Trio Demeter Momentum Concert and Christmas Mocktail Party
<b>MONDAY</b> December 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 4:00 pm Bible Study
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 11	<i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
<b>FRIDAY</b> December 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
<b>SATURDAY</b> December 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 14	9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 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)*

Dear Friends,

Sunday School at FPC is growing, and we would like to invite you to join us on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We have a Primary class for pre-school to second grade and a Junior class for third grade through 14 years old.

We have an exciting Fall planned and hope that you can join us from 9:30am to 10:20am. We are looking forward to seeing you in our class! If you have any questions, please call the church office at (607) 746-2155.

The Christian Education Committee



*In Concert*  
**Trio**  
**Demeter**  
**Momentum**

*Featuring*  
**Kristina**  
**Marinova**



**4:00 pm on Sunday, December 7**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Clinton St, Delhi**

*Freewill donation to benefit the*  
**Little Delaware Youth Ensemble**

*Please join us afterward for a*  
**“Mocktail” Christmas Party**  
*in the chapel*  
**Hors d’oeuvres and mocktails**

**TRIO DEMETER MOMENTUM**

**BENEFIT CONCERTS**

**FOR**

**LITTLE DELAWARE YOUTH ENSEMBLE**

FRANZ DOPPLER  
C.P.E. BACH  
FRIEDRICH KUHLAU  
ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK  
IAN CLARKE  
VINICIO MEZA  
YUKO UEBAYASHI  
SAMUEL ZYMAN



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 7 PM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2128 COUNTY HWY 6, BOVINA  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 4 PM ONEONTA HOME RSVP TO: HILARY.GOLDBLATT@GMAIL.COM  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 3 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 25 CHURCH ST., COOPERSTOWN  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 4 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4 CLINTON ST. DELHI