

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

January 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday After Epiphany – Baptism of Our Lord

“This is my Son, whom I love...” Matthew 3:17



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Unison: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

***Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#65

Prayer of Confession

As we pause to recognize that Jesus is appointed to be our Savior, help us to see that Jesus is more than a teacher, He is more than a miracle worker, He is more than a Prophet. As we grapple with the passages about His Baptism, help us to acknowledge that Jesus is the Lord. Through Him all this was created. It is Jesus himself who will welcome us into His father’s house. And when we think of Jesus as being less than who He is, forgive us and return us to the witness of those who know him.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
(John 3:16-17)

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 – Bell Choir *“Softly and Tenderly”* arr. by Behnke

Prayer for Illumination
Lord, you have demonstrated mastery over life. You have demonstrated authority over death. Open our hearts to Your Word. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 42:5-7
This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

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

***Hymn** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* **#611**

Message Reading – Matthew 3:13-17
Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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

Sermon *“This is My Son”* 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**
As we continue into this New Year, we are grateful for what you have taught us in the last year. We celebrate the adventures of Spirit and of deeds in the world. You are marvelous. So take these gifts of gratitude and use them as a blessing to others. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer
... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

***Closing Hymn** *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* **#187**

***Benediction**

Postlude
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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *“Nobody cares how much you know until they know you care.”*
—Author Unknown

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Susie Little, Liturgist



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Long ago, wise travelers followed a star in search of the promised Savior — and their journey led them to joy. Whatever brought you here today, we're glad you came! May you find God's presence and guidance shining brightly in your life.

(Prayer) Faithful God, you have been our help in the past and our strength for today. Teach us to trust your goodness and follow your ways in every season of life.

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 Annual Report submissions is Monday, January 12. If you are responsible for any reports, please get them to Darcy by tomorrow!

Find your tartan and your Scottish roots (you can borrow some of mine if you don't have any)! After worship next Sunday (Jan 18) we will be celebrating a Scottish Hogmanay (New Year). After our lunch we will shove the tables back and Sally Scrimshaw will lead us in some Scottish dancing!



A CALL has been issued by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held virtually and in person immediately following worship on Sunday, **January 25, 2026**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review annual reports, receive the budget, and address any other business that may come properly before the Congregation. The 2025 Annual Reports will be available by Sunday, January 18, 2026.

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 Tom Little and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on January 18 are Joe Cantwell and Tom Leo.

The **Jan-Feb 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: *"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?'" (Matthew 3:14)* Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. In other words, as baptized Christians there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2026 has been set at \$50.51 per member.

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| <i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-4-2026</i> | 46 - 39 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual |
| General amount needed each week | TBD |
| General amount given week of 1-4-2026 | \$1,352.61 |
| General amount needed year-to-date | TBD |
| General amount given YTD as of 1-4-2026 | \$1,352.61 |
| Fuel Fund needed each week | TBD |
| Fuel Fund given week of 1-4-2026 | \$115.00 |
| Fuel Fund needed year-to-date | TBD |
| Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-4-2026 | \$115.00 |
| Kirk Receipts 12-28-25 to 1-3-26 | \$1,375.57 |
| Presbyterian Mission Support week of 1-4-2026 | \$5.00 |
| Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 1-4-2026 | \$5.00 |
| Apportionment Needed 2026 | \$6,162.22 |
| Apportionment received YTD as of 1-4-2026 | \$150.51 |

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

Scottish Hogmanay Luncheon



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Other Fellowship News



Looking forward, the Fellowship luncheon on February 15th will be a journey to France! Bring your valentine for some French food and fun at the Bonjour Café!

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| SUNDAY January 11 | 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship |
| MONDAY January 12 | <i>Annual Report Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts |
| TUESDAY January 13 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY January 14 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY January 15 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day |
| FRIDAY January 16 | 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 17 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga |
| SUNDAY January 18 | 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Scottish Luncheon |

*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)*