

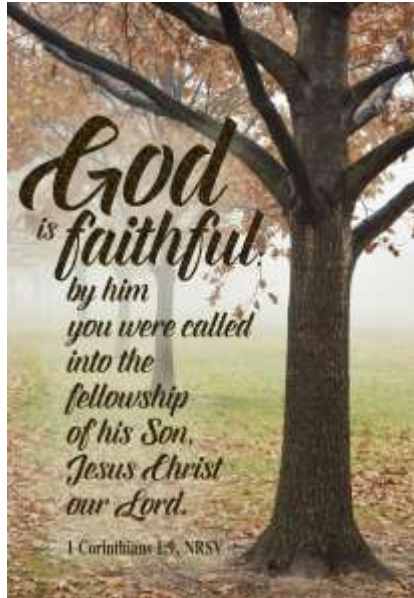
**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

January 25, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

"I ask you with all my heart in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to agree among yourselves." 1 Corinthians 1:10



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Sanctuary"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 27:4-7)**

Leader: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

People: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

Leader: he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

People: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Unison: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

***Hymn**

"How Great Thou Art"

#625

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, why do You love people I know to be flawed? Don't You understand that they are narrow in their thinking, self-concerned, blind to the obvious, not real bright and well... just plain wrong. And why on earth did Paul say, "How arrogant of you to accuse others of the things you do yourself. How was that helpful?" I guess those 12-steppers have a point when they say, "Those you have the most difficulty with, you have the most in common with." So today what do You want me to see about myself and my attitudes? I confess those things and ask for Your help seeing the difference I could embrace to become more like You. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 *"On Eagle's Wings"* arr. by Wagner

Prayer for Illumination

I know Paul is right when he says that Your word is spiritually discerned, so as I open my heart to You, bring to me some words I can use today. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no more heavy hearts for those who were suffering. In the past God allowed the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali to be put to shame. In the future He will honor Galilee where those who are not Jews live and where the road to the sea is. It is on the other side of the Jordan. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. The light will shine on those living in the land of dark shadows. You will make the nation great. You will give them great joy. They will be glad before You, as with the joy of gathering time, and as men have joy when they divide the riches taken after a battle. For You will break the heavy load from their neck and shoulders. You will break the power of those who made it hard for them, as at the battle of Midian.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *"Seek Ye First"* **#175**

Message Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Christian brothers, I ask you with all my heart in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to agree among yourselves. Do not be divided into little groups. Think and act as if you all had the same mind. My Christian brothers, I have heard from some of Chloe's family that you are arguing among yourselves. I hear that some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul," and "I am a follower of Apollos," and "I am a follower of Peter," and "I am a follower of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul put on a cross to die for your sins? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful to God that I baptized Crispus and Gaius only. No one can say that you were baptized in the name of Paul. I remember I did baptize the family of Stephanas, but I do not remember baptizing any others. Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to preach the Good News. I did not use big sounding words when I preached. If I had, the power of the cross of Christ would be taken away.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Unity, That's a Tall Order"* 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, who fills my heart and opens my eyes, I join with the others in offering You my heart and a portion of my treasure and time to carry Your message into the world. Enable others to do the same through what we say and sing and do here. May we always be a place where others can find the reality of Your love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

***Closing Hymn** *"Here I Am, Lord"* **#69**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Annual Congregational Meeting – All are invited to remain for the meeting.

Thought for the Day: *"The person you are looking at...that is a person. Yes, they are angry, frustrated, scared, tired, fed up, aggravated, full of potential, and deeply flawed. In other words, a person, just like you."* —Jocko Willink

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Nancy Heimbuecher, Liturgist



First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York January 25, 2026

Today we celebrate the precious gift of life — each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in his eyes. May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives he has created.

(Prayer) Lord, remind us that every new beginning starts with your grace. Renew our faith, restore our peace, and help us live as your people of light and hope.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering>, or by regular 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.

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 today, **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 are available in the New Narthex and outside the office.

The Education and Mission Committees are happy to tell you about a new program here at church for children to attend **Christian Summer Camp** this summer. Youth who have attended outdoor summer camps where they can share their faith develop lasting friendships with other Christian young people and a stronger relationship to God. The education Committee has a list of recommended camps, and there are many others. There are over night and day camp choices as well as programs for children to attend with their grandparents, horse camps and more. The mission committee will pay for half or more of the expenses for children to attend. We look forward to telling you more about the camps, and this opportunity for our children to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Today 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 Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 1 are Tom Leo and Joe Cantwell.

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: *“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.” (Matthew 4:22)* Just as Jesus called the first apostles, he calls each of us to follow him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever he calls.

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

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| <i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 1-18-2026</i> | 53 - 45 in sanctuary + approx. 8 virtual |
| General amount needed each week | \$1,432.90 |
| General amount given week of 1-18-2026 | \$1,718.51 |
| General amount needed year-to-date | \$4,298.70 |
| General amount given YTD as of 1-18-2026 | \$4,471.50 |
| Fuel Fund needed each week | \$384.62 |
| Fuel Fund given week of 1-18-2026 | \$34.00 |
| Fuel Fund needed year-to-date | \$1,153.86 |
| Fuel Fund given YTD as of 1-18-2026 | \$259.00 |
| Kirk Receipts 1-11-26 to 1-17-26 | \$1,436.82 |
| Presbyterian Mission Support week of 1-18-2026 | \$5.00 |
| Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 1-18-2026 | \$35.00 |
| Apportionment Needed 2026 | \$6,162.22 |
| Apportionment received YTD as of 1-18-2026 | \$351.53 |

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

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 25 | <i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting |
| MONDAY January 26 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts |
| TUESDAY January 27 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY January 28 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga |
| THURSDAY January 29 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day |
| FRIDAY January 30 | 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 31 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga |
| SUNDAY February 1 | 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion |

*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)*