

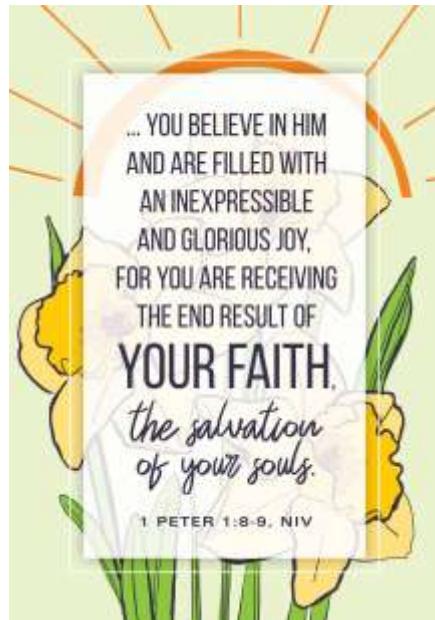
First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

"For we did not follow cleverly devised stories..." 1 Peter 1:16



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (Psalm 2:7-11)**

Leader: I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.

People: Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Leader: You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

People: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Leader: Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling,

Unison: for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***Hymn**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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Prayer of Confession

We confess that in spite of all the moments we have had in worship, the moments we have known You are with us in life, moments we have known that You truly love us, there are the other moments. We wonder if You are real. Into the corners of our mind, the doubt creeps. Are You a made up story devised by weak people who needed someone to believe in? But in our rightful mind we know that You are who You say You are: Lord of Lords, Creator and Sustainer and the foundation of all. So help us to embrace the whole truth about You. You are not a cleverly devised story. The Bible is an eyewitness account. You are seen most fully in Jesus of Nazareth. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (*Romans 8:1-2*)

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

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

You speak to us of truth beyond what we hope for. So in hearing Your Word, encourage our hearts to say, "Amen" and be grateful. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

Message Reading – 1 Peter 1:12-18

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Listening for 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 give in response to Your gift. Because You spoke to us through song and word and time in this place, we place on Your table a part of what is Your gift to us. Take our gifts. Add Your blessing. Make us more truly Yours. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

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

Thought for the Day: "Jesus is more than anything you're afraid of losing!"

—Jocko Willink

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Rusty Maxwell, Liturgist



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Welcome — your presence brings joy to our worship today. Let these words from the psalms guide us: "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. ... Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:4-5). May God's joy meet you right where you are.

(Prayer) If we are spiritually blind, Lord, open our spiritual eyes. If we are deaf to your voice, keep speaking until we hear you. If our hearts and mouths do not properly praise you, be patient with us until we get it right. Amen.

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).

The Mission Committee, with the Session's approval, has set a Lenten goal of taking up the cause of sending a "**wound care**" **crate to Ukraine**. Crates for Ukraine is a program that collects supplies, packs the crates and ships them to the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 through designated Mission giving. Your contribution will be matched by The Kirk for a total of \$5,000, the cost of one wound care crate.

During the month of February, the **Sunday school classes** will be sharing their love with the **Heart of the Catskills Humane Society** by collecting items needed for the shelter. Please join us in supporting this mission. A collection box is set up and has the complete wish list of items. We hope you can help!



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, **February 15, 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.

Join us after the Annual Meeting for a **French luncheon** at the Bonjour Café!

There will be an **Ash Wednesday service at United Ministry** on Feb 18 at 7:00pm. All who wish to attend are welcome!

Our **February mission** is Tools and Blankets, through Church World Service. If you wish to contribute to this mission, please mark your checks or use the mission envelopes in the pews.

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 Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 22 are Tom Leo and Kathy Beveridge.

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: *"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)* The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending worship and then gossiping about a fellow churchgoer in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That our faith grows and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-8-2026</i>	45 - 33 in sanctuary + approx. 12 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 2-8-2026	\$1,912.52
General amount needed year-to-date	\$8,597.40
General amount given YTD as of 2-8-2026	\$8,966.02
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-8-2026	\$25.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,307.72
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-8-2026	\$514.00
Kirk Receipts 2-1-26 to 2-7-26	\$1,524.96
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 2-8-2026	\$5.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 2-8-2026	\$45.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-8-2026	\$504.04

*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!

SUNDAY February 15	9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting 12:00 pm Bonjour Café Luncheon 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Listening to the Bible for the Divine) [Virtual]
MONDAY February 16	Office Closed for Presidents' Day 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY February 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (United Ministry)
THURSDAY February 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 20	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 February 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY February 22	Bountiful Giving Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Listening to the Bible for the Divine) [Virtual]

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(Our Mission Statement)*