

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” Matthew 4:10b



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“Sanctuary”

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 32:1-8*)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

Leader: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble

Unison: and surround me with songs of deliverance.

***Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#610

Prayer of Confession

We come before You, O Lord our God and our Refuge, knowing You searched my heart and know the whole story. Nothing is hidden from You. And You love me. But I don’t want to admit to myself some of the stuff I think about and occasionally do. I am just not so great. And there is stuff I know but want to hide. You are simple. I am complicated. But I know David is right. When I own up to all that I am both to myself and others, there is healing and freedom and the gift of new life. So be with me as I find the courage to do as David did, confess to You and to any I have harmed the nature of my sin. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. The Lord is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (*Psalm 145:17-18*)
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

"God Leads Us On!"

by Parker/Lantz

Prayer for Illumination

We know that Your truth is brought to us by Your Spirit. Therefore, we open our hearts to You and invite the Spirit to dwell in us. We want to know what You mean. We know that You have promised to be with us when two or more are gathered in Your name. Fill us, O Lord of our lives. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"As the Deer"

#626

Message Reading – Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that

comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"There is No Getaway"

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

Dear God, You have turned up in our lives. We are better people for Your forgiveness and Your leading. So, we treasure You and want others to join us. Use these gifts. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

*Closing Hymn

"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"

#824

*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: *“Lent is a journey that leads us to the cross.” —Anonymous*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Kevin Lee, Liturgist

Let's go to Christian Camp!

Christian summer camps are a place for children and the adults who love them, for faith-building, character-forming, life-changing adventures that we all need to equip us for a lifetime and the years ahead. There are countless activities at camp to choose from: swimming, sailing, canoeing, hiking, and crafts, as well as specialized camps for fishing, horseback riding, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), high-peaks backpacking and ballet camp, among others. Our Church will cover most of the expenses. There are brochures in the office and education committee members to talk to: Tammy Tully, Kathy Beveridge, Nancy Lee, Linda Malcolm, Anna Newbold, Kathy Sullivan and Bessie Tyrrell.



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We're gathered to praise a faithful God whose promises never fail. Scripture reminds us, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him." May our worship today echo that "Amen," bringing glory to Christ who is always with us.

(Prayer) Help us, O Lord, to be still and patient before you as we wait for the touch of your hand upon our hearts. 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 deadline for newsletter submissions is February 23. If you have any articles, reports or content for the March-April Courier, please get it to Darcy by Monday!

Our **Bible study book series** will continue this year starting April 6th, from 4-5:30pm in the hospitality room. If you would like to join us, we have already read the first book, "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown, and have copies for you to borrow. April's bible study will be the second book in the series, Two Steps Forward, "A Story of Persevering in Hope." In this eight-week study guide you'll find daily Scripture readings, reflection questions, and spiritual practices designed to help you be attentive to the invitations of the Holy Spirit. I will be taking orders for this book and the accompanying study guide. Please let me know if interested by March 22, 2026. Hope you'll join us! Kathy Beveridge 607-422-1474 or Bessie Tyrrell 585-733-2323.

The Mission Committee has set a Lenten goal of taking up the cause of sending a **"wound care" crate to Ukraine**. This 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. A collection box is set up and has the complete wish list of items. We hope you can help!

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.

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 Tom Leo and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 1 are Tom Leo and Alex 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: *“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” (Matthew 4:10)* Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to his Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-15-2026</i>	52 - 42 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 2-15-2026	\$777.51
General amount needed year-to-date	\$10,030.30
General amount given YTD as of 2-15-2026	\$9,743.53
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-15-2026	\$30.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,692.34
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-15-2026	\$544.00
Kirk Receipts 2-8-26 to 2-14-26	\$1,821.90
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 2-15-2026	\$50.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 2-15-2026	\$95.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-15-2026	\$554.55

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

SUNDAY February 22	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 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]
MONDAY February 23	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
TUESDAY February 24	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY February 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 27	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 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 1	9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Listening to the Bible for the Divine) [Virtual]

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)