

**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

"For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them."

Isaiah 58:2



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 112:1-9)**

Leader: Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land, the generation of the upright will be blessed.

People: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Leader: Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely, he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

People: He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure; he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

Unison: He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

***Hymn**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#667

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, I confess that I have neglected the leading of Your Holy Spirit. Forgive me for relying on my own judgment. Renew my sensitivity to Your Spirit's voice. Help me walk daily in obedience, wisdom, and faith. Teach me to depend fully on Your Spirit for guidance, strength, and spiritual growth. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is deeper than our sin, and His love is stronger than our shame. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, restored, and made new. Walk now in the freedom of His peace, and live as children of the light.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord of wisdom and grace, we come not only to hear Your Word, but to be changed by it. Remove whatever keeps us from receiving Your truth. Plant in us a deep desire to follow You faithfully, so that our lives may reflect the love of Christ in all we say and do. Amen.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"Great God of Every Blessing"

#694

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do

people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Wisdom from the Spirit"

Elder Tammi Tully

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

Lord, align our hearts with Yours as we dedicate these gifts. May our motives be pure, and our intentions be in harmony with Your will. Let this act of dedication be a step towards a deeper connection with You. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — the Creator of all that is, seen and unseen. We trust in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who lived among us, died for us, and rose again, bringing life and hope to the world. We rely on the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts, guides our steps, and gathers us into the Church, to love and serve in Christ's name. To God be glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#465

*Benediction

Postlude

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* You may stand

Thought for the Day: "This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess." —Rainer Maria Rilke

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist

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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We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God." Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure.

(Prayer) Lord, teach us to love in action today. Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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 on Sunday, **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 worship on February 15th 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 Alex Cantwell and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on February 15 are Ed Goff and Tom Little.

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: *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16) The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

STEWARSHIP PRAYER: That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-1-2026</i>	51 - 38 in sanctuary + approx. 13 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 2-1-2026	\$2,582.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$7,164.50
General amount given YTD as of 2-1-2026	\$7,053.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-1-2026	\$230.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$1,923.10
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-1-2026	\$489.00
Kirk Receipts 1-25-26 to 1-31-26	\$1,687.63
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 2-1-2026	\$5.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 2-1-2026	\$40.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-1-2026	\$453.53

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

SUNDAY February 8	9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY February 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY February 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY February 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY February 13	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 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
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]

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)