

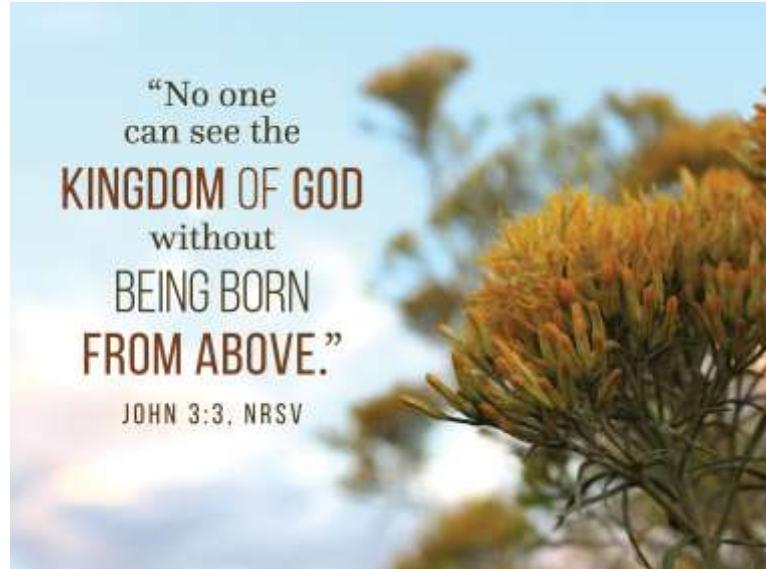
**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Second Sunday in Lent

"...Spirit gives birth to spirit." John 3:6b



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Sanctuary"

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 121:1-4*)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

Unison: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

***Hymn**

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

#728

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord and our Shepherd, we want to follow you. But like Nicodemus, we find this Spirit thing and rebirth confusing. We don't like "confusing" so our minds wander off to the familiar, like March Madness. So when we just won't look at things, even things that are important, lead us back to where we need to be. And when it all makes sense, smile at our joy in getting it. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." (*Luke 7:48*)

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

"We Remember You"

arr. by Larson

Prayer for Illumination

You are knocking at the door of my heart. Enter, Holy Spirit and sweep my heart clean so I can hear your truth rightly. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” 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.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“It’s Not So Hard”

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

During this season of Lent we are confronted with the fact that we are okay, but hardly great. You are great, not just okay. You love us anyhow. Being loved by You makes us better. So we give in joy. You have done so much for each of us. Bless what we give and bring others closer to us. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

If you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are welcome to join us in Communion.

Communion Hymn *“Lord, I Want to Be A Christian”* **#729**

*Invitation

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Distribution

Those taking communion are asked to hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing our unity in the Spirit of Christ, then to drink individually the cup, symbolizing our personal commitment to Christ.

Prayer After Communion

*Closing Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

#269

*Benediction

Postlude

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*You may stand

Thought for the Day: "Hold on dear friend, for this is not the end. You have traveled so far and you have worked so hard. Carry on with courage and do not give up. And not because things will be easy but because these seeds you are sowing matter, and they will grow in time, if you do not lose heart." —Morgan Harper Nichols

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Darcy Gibson, Liturgist

The Delhi Clergy Association has decided to offer 10 **grants to community members** that have a need for **assistance with a medical or energy bill**. These grants will be up to \$500, and proof of the bill will be required for the money to be granted and will be paid to the company or organization the bill is from. Funds will be reviewed and granted on a first-come-first-served basis until the 10 grants have been given out. The applicant does not need to be a member of one of our churches but must live in Delhi or the surrounding area. For information or an application, see Pastor Jamie or Darcy.

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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During this Lenten season, we praise God for his righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience.

(Prayer) Make our minds receptive to your Word, Lord. Help us to hear it, to spiritually digest it, and to live by it. Through Christ our Lord, 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).

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" 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 8-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. We will be taking orders for the book and study guide. Please let us know if interested by March 22. 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.

The **Mission committee emphasis** for the month of March is One Great Hour of Sharing. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, just use the mission envelopes or write "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your continued support.

Our **April mission** is Care Kits through Church World Service. If you wish to contribute to this mission, see the March-April Courier for a list of needed items, or check with Betty Bell.

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 Leo and Alex Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 8 are Ed Chytalo 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: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1) God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow him, placing our complete trust in him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what Mother Teresa said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 2-22-2026</i>	46 - 36 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 2-22-2026	\$1,696.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$11,463.20
General amount given YTD as of 2-22-2026	\$11,439.53
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 2-22-2026	\$10.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$3,076.96
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 2-22-2026	\$554.00
Kirk Receipts 2-15-26 to 2-21-26	\$1,065.47
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 2-22-2026	\$10.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 2-22-2026	\$105.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 2-22-2026	\$688.55

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

SUNDAY March 1	9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Lectio Divina [Virtual]
MONDAY March 2	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 5:30 pm Session
TUESDAY March 3	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY March 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY March 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY March 6	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 March 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY March 8	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Worship 12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Lectio Divina [Virtual]

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(Our Mission Statement)*