

**First Presbyterian Church  
Delhi, New York**

**March 22, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*“Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” John 11:44*

*“I am the  
resurrection  
and the life.”*  
JOHN 11:25



**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Church Life Notes**

**Introit**

*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**\*Call to Worship** (*Ezekiel 37:3-7 – from a vision: The Valley of the Dry Bones*)

Leader: He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

**People: I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”**

Leader: Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’

**People: This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.**

Leader: I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

**Unison: So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**#12**

**Prayer of Confession**

Dear Lord, You came to us in humility. Though Joseph was descended from David, his first born son was a baby born into a small town carpenter’s family. You came to show us the glory of the Father. Our Heavenly Father understands all that we live through. Our Heavenly Father’s love cannot be turned away. When we whisper things to ourselves that say this is not so, forgive us and restore us to the Truth. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

**(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. (*John 10:14-15, 28*)

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

*“Gloria Patri”*

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## \*Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Anthem

*"God Leads Us!"*

by Parker/Lantz

### Prayer for Illumination

**Father of us all, why do You put up with us. The High Priest's spy returned from the raising of Lazarus and reported that it was a "good miracle." In other words, it was the real deal. The High Priest decided, Jesus has to die or we are out of business. Really! So as we hear the Gospel today, open our ears and hearts to the wonder of Your Love. Send Your Spirit with the reading of Your Word. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### First Gospel Reading – John 11:23-37

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

### \*Hymn

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

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## Second Gospel Reading – John 11:38-45

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

*"Really"*

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"*

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#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Take our gifts and make something beautiful happen. And we would like to be a part of it. In Christ's Name, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

#### \*Closing Hymn

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

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\* You may stand

**Thought for the Day:** “O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.” —Henri Nouwen

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Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim  
Billy Meredith, Music Director  
Elder Linda Malcolm, 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.



## **First Presbyterian Church** of Delhi, New York **March 22, 2026**

Dear Visitor: We are neither good enough nor do we know enough to be members of the church, the Body of our Lord. Rather, "we are justified by faith." If you are like us and long for peace with God, you will feel comfortable among us. In any case, we would like to help you find out. Please stay for a while after worship—we'd love the chance to meet you!

*(Prayer)* As we worship you, Lord, unite us in heart and purpose. Let our songs rise as one voice, our prayers blend as one offering and our faith be strengthened through our fellowship. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. 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 resume April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4-5:30pm in the hospitality room. 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 are taking orders for the book and study guide. Please let us know if interested by March 22. Hope you'll join us! - Kathy Beveridge and Bessie Tyrrell.

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.

**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 Joe Cantwell and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on March 29 are Alex Cantwell 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:** “Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” (John 11:40) Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend worship and participate in church events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** That we open our hearts to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and become “partakers of the divine nature.”

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 3-15-2026</i>	51 - 44 in sanctuary + approx. 7 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 3-15-2026	\$858.46
General amount needed year-to-date	\$15,761.90
General amount given YTD as of 3-15-2026	\$15,708.99
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 3-15-2026	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$4,230.82
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 3-15-2026	\$554.00
Kirk Receipts 3-8-26 to 3-14-26	\$1,438.00
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 3-15-2026	\$0.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 3-15-2026	\$125.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 3-15-2026	\$754.06

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>March 22</b>	<b><i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i></b> <b>9:30 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>March 23</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b> <b>3:00 pm Girl Scouts</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>March 24</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>4:45 pm PNC Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>March 25</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>10:30 am Gentle Yoga</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>March 26</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am Kirk Work Day</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>March 27</b>	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations</b> <b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:30 am Adult Ballet Class</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>March 28</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open</b> <b>10:00 am Yoga</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>March 29</b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b> <b>9:30 am Sunday School</b> <b>9:45 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>

*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)