

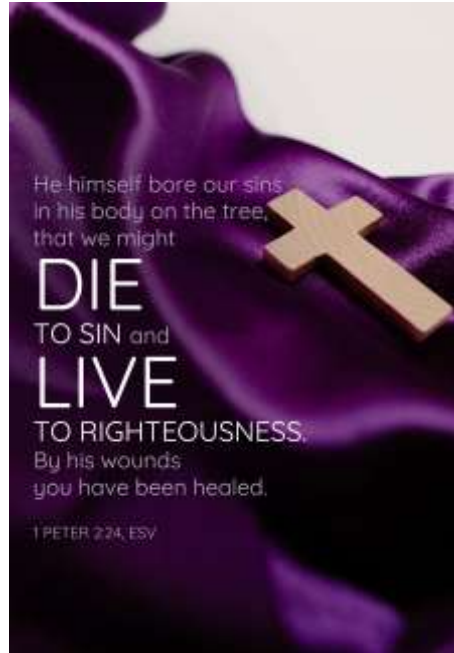
**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." 1 Peter 2:21



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"This is the Day"

***Call to Worship (Psalm 23)**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

People: he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Unison: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn**

"Kum ba Yah"

#472

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we don't like pain. We understand that sometimes we bring it on ourselves. Sometimes it is not personal like aging or an illness. But sometimes another intends us harm and we have not done anything to harm them. That's a special kind of hurt. Forgiving and turning loose of the memory are such difficult things to do. Yet, if we don't, the moment hangs on forever it seems. Long after they probably don't even remember, those situations can come back to us over and over. We confess our need to forgive those who have hurt us in the past, especially those who disappointed us or even harmed us for no good reason. We claim the freedom of the Children of God. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Isaiah 44:22)

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 *“Come Follow Me”* {Flute – Lois Haight} by Kupferschmid

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”* **#418**

Message Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-24

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Innocent”

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**

In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in His Kingdom building work here on earth.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn** *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”* **#385**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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** You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *“Faith and prayer are the vitamins of the soul; man cannot live in health without them.” — Mahalia Jackson*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Lois Haight, Guest Musician
Trustee Tom Little, Liturgist



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of Delhi, New York
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The welcome mat is out for you! We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God’s word. We hope that you will stay for coffee after worship, so that we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

(Prayer) As we approach the throne of grace, O Lord, help us to receive and reflect on all the words you have for us.

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).

Deborah Lee will be installed as pastor of United Presbyterian Church in Bovina today (April 26) at 3pm. All are invited to attend and welcome her!

The deadline for newsletter submissions is April 27. If you have anything for the May-June Courier, please get it to Darcy by Monday!

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 Little and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 3 are Ed Goff and Art Maxwell.

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: *“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ (Acts 2:38)* The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-19-2026	62 - 53 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 4-19-2026	\$755.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$22,926.40
General amount given YTD as of 4-19-2026	\$24,138.52
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 4-19-2026	\$119.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$6,153.92
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-19-2026	\$1,117.00
Kirk Receipts 4-12-26 to 4-18-26	~\$2,500.00
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 4-19-2026	\$15.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 4-19-2026	\$245.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-19-2026	\$905.59

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



Upcoming Choral Performance in Oneonta:

Catskill Choral Society is proud to present “A Night of Glory and Grace: Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and Maurice Durufle’s “Requiem” at 7:30 on May 1 and at 3:00 on May 2 at the First United Methodist Church, 66 Chestnut St., Oneonta. The Youth Choir will also perform. Tickets may be purchased at Green Earth, 4 Market St., Oneonta; Cooperstown Natural Food, 61 Linden Ave.; or online at www.catskillchoralsociety.org/tickets, as well as from any CCS member. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more info go to www.catskillchoralsociety.org or telephone 607-386-5151.

SUNDAY April 26	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 12:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Deborah Lee Installation Service (Bovina) 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Virtual)
MONDAY April 27	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:00 pm Bible Study
TUESDAY April 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY April 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY April 30	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 1	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 May 2	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY May 3	9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Virtual)

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(Our Mission Statement)*