

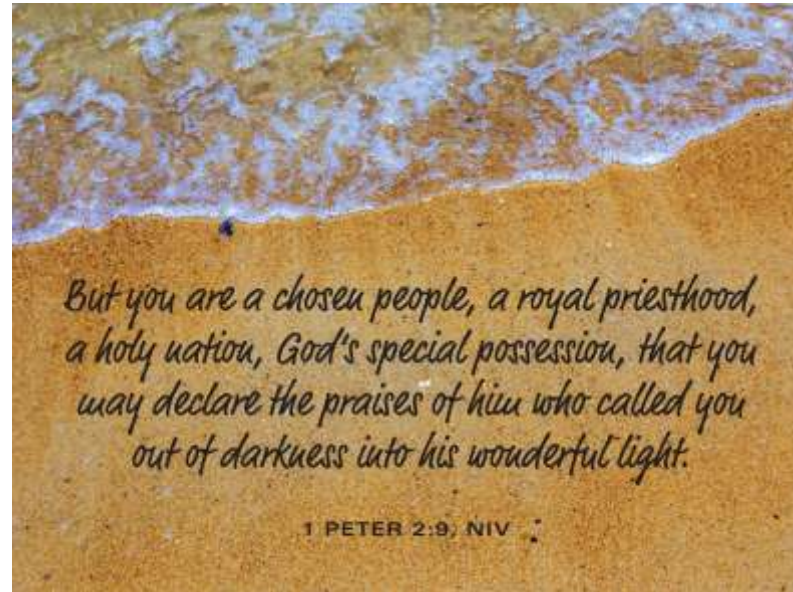
**First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fifth Sunday of Easter

"...now you are the people of God..." 1 Peter 2:10



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God is So Good"

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 31:1-5*)

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Unison: Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

***Hymn**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#610

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we are Your people. We are Your hands upon the earth. You have equipped us to be a part of the solution. And You have poured blessings into our lives. We rejoice. But we resist You in some ways. Our thoughts are a bit upside down. So restore us to our right minds. Forgive us our sins and renew our spirits. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. (*Psalm 103:8*)

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

by Hayes

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-4

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Reading – 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Out of Darkness”

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**

You have given us all to sustain life. You have given us all to build a future. We give back in gratitude asking for Your blessing on these gifts and our lives. May people be built up. 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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#347

*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

“For All the Saints”

#326

*Benediction

Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *“Don’t shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see him.” —C.S. Lewis*

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Elder Kevin Lee, Liturgist



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Welcome, one and all. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: "May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'" It is good that we are here. Let us praise God together.

(Prayer) Dear Lord: Enable me to prepare myself for communing with you. Quiet my spirit, direct my thoughts and enable me to grasp the truth you have for me and my fellow worshipers today.

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 **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 Ed Goff and Art Maxwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 10 are Kathy Beveridge and Tom Little.

The **May-June Courier** and our **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: *"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."* (1 Peter 2:7) Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

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

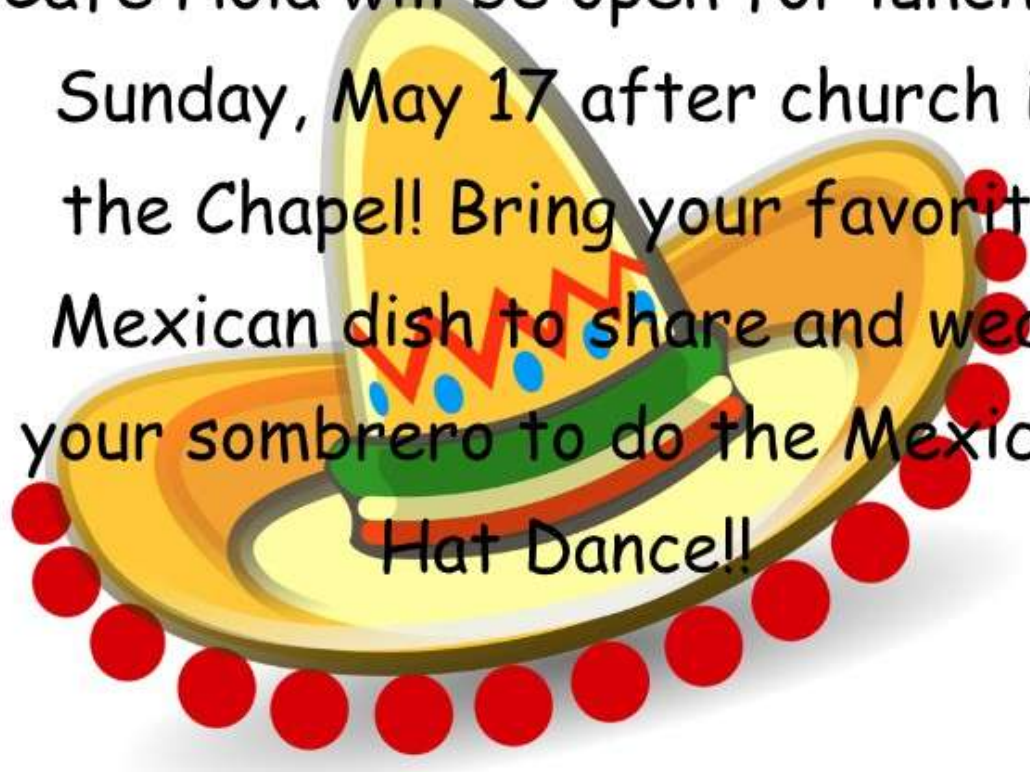
Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-26-2026	45 - 35 in sanctuary + approx. 10 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,432.90
General amount given week of 4-26-2026	\$1,480.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$24,359.30
General amount given YTD as of 4-26-2026	\$25,618.52
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 4-26-2026	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$6,538.54
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-26-2026	\$1,117.00
Kirk Receipts 4-19-26 to 4-25-26	~\$2,500.00
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 4-26-2026	\$5.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 4-26-2026	\$250.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	\$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-26-2026	\$956.10

*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.

Cafe Hola will be open for lunch on Sunday, May 17 after church in the Chapel! Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and wear your sombrero to do the Mexican Hat Dance!



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)
MONDAY May 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Morgan Stanley/Session Meeting
TUESDAY May 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:30 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY May 6	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY May 7	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 8	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 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY May 10	<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 7:00 pm Lectio Divina (Virtual)

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(Our Mission Statement)*