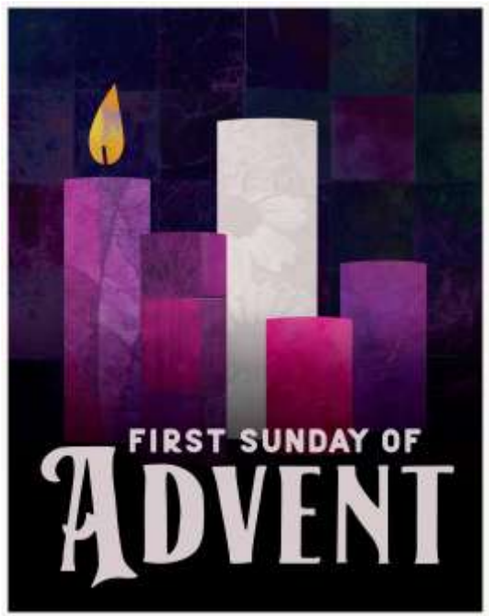
First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

November 29, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

First Sunday of Advent

"'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.'" Mark 13:26





GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

***Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Reader 1: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ, who is called the Son of the Most High,

Unison: and of whose kingdom there will be no end.

Reader 2: About the hour of Christ's coming no one knows; therefore keep awake, for you do not know when the time will come.

Unison: Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God endures forever.

***Hymn** *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* **#81**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we get caught up in the chaos. We know what is right, but sometimes it just seems too difficult. We see others being rewarded for doing wrong, and we envy them. Forgive us our sins and give us the strength to seek out the ways of the righteous, and to do good in your name. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news! You don't have to labor under the burden of old guilts or fears because in Christ we are forgiven and freed to serve. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we thank you that you have preserved your message to us, handed down through the ages, to guide us as we make our way through the world. Be with us as we read your word, and help us to understand it and allow it to guide our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *"People, Look East"* **#105**

Gospel Reading – Mark 13:24-27

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Easy Listening"*
Libby Cudmore, *Ruling Elder (First Presbyterian Church, Oneonta)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
Call to the Offering
Offertory
***Choral Response** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (refrain)* **#133**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry. May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, to build your beloved community. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
… "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

***Closing Hymn** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* **#39**
***Benediction**
Postlude

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**You may stand*

Thought for the Day: *"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. Shall I not call God the Beautiful, who daily showeth himself to me in his gifts?" —Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Leading us in worship this morning:
Libby Cudmore, Ruling Elder (First Presbyterian Church, Oneonta) – Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Elder Joe Weaver, Liturgist

Advent Candle Lighters/Readers:
Susie Little
Tom Little

Our Church Life & Events

First Presbyterian Church

of Delhi, New York

November 29, 2026

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin now to prepare spiritually for the blessed event we call Christmas. Let us vow to take part in as many church activities as possible. Let us engage in sincere worship and vow to walk daily with God. A warm welcome to each of you!

(Prayer) Today, we begin the season of Advent with hope. As we remember Christ's coming, let us prepare our hearts to welcome him anew.

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).

There will be a **Christmas Cantata called "The Ballad of Bethlehem"** at Andes Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec 13 at 7:00pm.

On Sunday, December 20, during the worship service we will be featuring a **Christmas Pageant** put on by the Sunday School. After the service, we will have a **Cookie Coffee Hour/Cookie Exchange**. Bring a container full of cookies and another empty one – during coffee hour you will be able to try the cookies and then fill your empty container with a variety of cookies!

The **upright piano** in Fellowship Hall is looking for a new home. It is available for free, but the new owner will be responsible for moving and transporting it.

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 fpcdelhi.org/content/offering or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

The **Elder on Call** for the coming week is Nancy Morley.

The **Trustees** responsible for counting today are Alex Cantwell and Ed Chytalo. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 6 are Joe Cantwell and Tom Little.

The **Chancel Guild** volunteer for November is Barb Leo.

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: *"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)* We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build his kingdom on earth.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we don't take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.

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

Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance *Sunday 11-22-2026*	53 - 44 in sanctuary + approx. 9 virtual
General amount needed each week	$1,432.90
General amount given week of 11-22-2026	$1,593.00
General amount needed year-to-date	$67,346.30
General amount given YTD as of 11-22-2026	$65,790.78
Fuel Fund needed each week	$384.62
Fuel Fund given week of 11-22-2026	$1,820.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	$18,077.14
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 11-22-2026	$5,065.00
Kirk Receipts 11-15-26 to 11-21-26	$2,496.35
Presbyterian Mission Support week of 11-22-2026	$5.00
Presbyterian Mission Support YTD as of 11-22-2026	$530.00
Apportionment Needed 2026	$6,162.22
Apportionment received YTD as of 11-22-2026	$1,675.65

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



SUNDAY **November 29**	**10:00 am Worship**
MONDAY **November 30**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **9:00 am Kirk Work Day** **3:00 pm Girl Scouts**
TUESDAY **December 1**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **6:30 pm Scottish Dance**
WEDNESDAY **December 2**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **10:30 am Gentle Yoga**
THURSDAY **December 3**	**8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations** **9:00 am Kirk Work Day**
FRIDAY **December 4**	**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 **December 5**	**9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open** **10:00 am Yoga**
SUNDAY **December 6**	**9:00 am Sunday School** **9:15 am Choir Rehearsal** **10:00 am Worship**

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)