

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS



## SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

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Mark Armesto (T) (1)  
John Darby (T) (2)  
Lauren Hill (T) (2)  
Marv Riegler (2)  
Erica Wichtowski (1)

**Class of 2015**  
Jean Hess (2)  
Tim Hess (1)  
Janet Hill (2)  
Don Houck (T) (2)  
Susan Koepfel (1)  
Virginia McIntyre (1)

**Class of 2016**  
Ian Bradford (T) (2)  
Mike Henry (T) (2)  
Stephanie Smith (1)  
Ryan Nadbrzuch (T) (1)  
Maria Oakley (1)

## BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

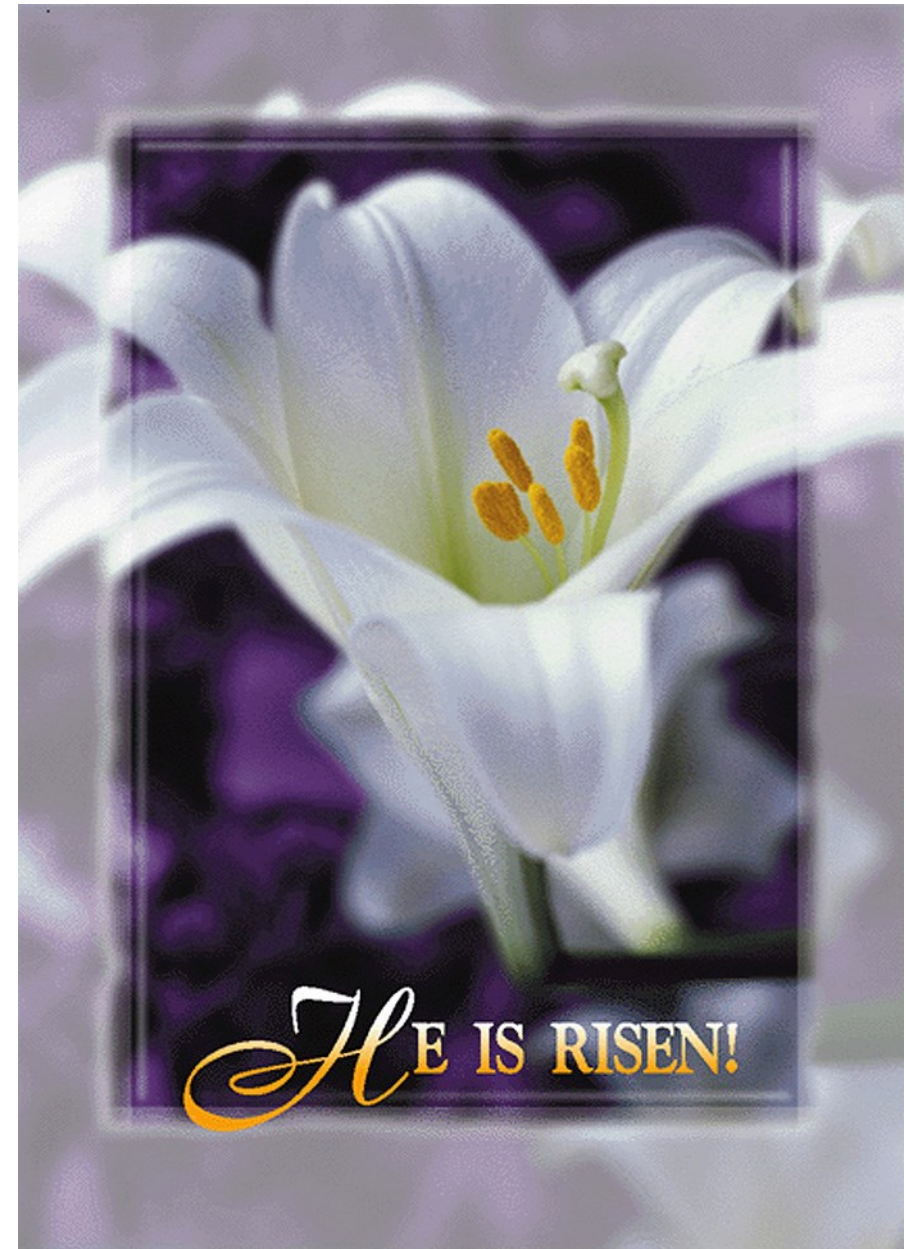
**Class of 2014**  
Pat Brown (1)  
Russell Carlson (2)  
Mary Field (2)  
Karen Frieder (2)  
Olga Rico-Armesto (1)  
Lou Ann Luther Riegler (1)

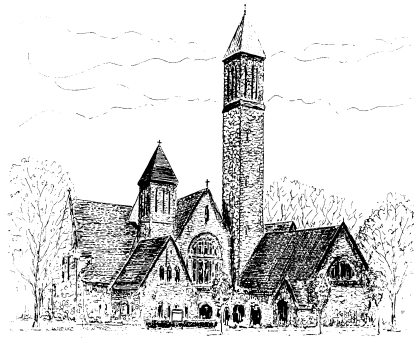
**Class of 2015**  
Liz Kamke (1)  
Tina Osei (1)  
Judith Paradzai (2)  
Phil Sims (2)  
Denis Wettlaufer (2)

**Class of 2016**  
Jackie Addo (1)  
Cleo Alexander (2)  
Mark Juan Armesto (2)  
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*(T) indicates that the Elder has also been nominated or elected to serve as a Trustee while on Session.*





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*The mission of historic First Church is to bring diverse people of metropolitan Buffalo together to follow Jesus Christ through worshipping God, fostering spiritual growth, and serving the community.*

Wherever “◊” appears, you are asked to stand if you are able to do so.  
Text in **bold print** indicates congregational responses.

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2014

PRELUDE Festival Prelude *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*  
Fantasy on *Christ the Lord is Risen* *Flor Peeters*

### ◊CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

### ◊PRAYER OF THE DAY *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

◊HYMN 104 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” *Hymn to Joy*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb. You reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things. Forgive us; give us new life! Send us forth to share the gospel, with our words and deeds proclaiming the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 20	Easter
6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Worship Service — Courtyard
11:15 a.m.	Resurrection Jubilee Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Chapel
Monday, April 21	Building Closed
Tuesday, April 22	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting — Pastor’s Study
12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
Wednesday, April 23	
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study — Pastor’s Study
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting — Historical Hall
Thursday, April 24	
4:00 p.m.	Investment Committee Meeting — Pastor’s Study
Friday, April 25	No events
Saturday, April 26	
10:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting — Sanctuary
Sunday, April 27	
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Pastor’s Study
11:15 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Sunday school — Classrooms
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Narthex
12:15 p.m.	Praying in Color — Chapel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014

**Devices for the hearing impaired** are available by visiting one of our Deacons in the Narthex.

**Welcome to all visitors— you have a friend at First Church!** If you would like to learn more about our diverse, welcoming faith community, please speak to a Deacon after worship.

**If you have a prayer request** to include during Prayers of the People, please use one of the blue prayer cards available in the Narthex or by asking a Deacon. Please write neatly and give your card to a Deacon.

**The performers in the brass quartet** are Garrett Folger, trumpet; Cindy Sims, French horn; Alan Janaecke, trombone; and Phil Sims, bass trombone. Their performance was made possible with funds from the Haskin Music Fund and generous donations from members of the congregation. Thank you for your support.

### COUCHSIDE CALVIN

The Young Adult Couchside Calvin group will meet at Phil Gittings' home (54 Irving Pl, in the back) on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. Street parking is available. Copies of the chapter to be discussed can be picked up by seeing Phil.

### HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Join us on **Wednesday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m.** to serve meals to the hungry at Friends of Night People (corner of Wadsworth and Hudson). Wear First Church gear if you have it! Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Sponsored by the CMO Committee.

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book group will meet on **Thursday, February 27th** at 6:00 p.m. for a pot luck meal, and discuss the book Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. The gathering will be at the home of Ingrid Meyer.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The Importance of the Ascension of Jesus"  
Sunday mornings beginning April 27  
at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Study.

### PRAYING IN COLOR

There are so many people who need our prayers right now. Sometimes it feels like we don't even know how to pray! Join Liz Kamke after the coffee hour next week, April 27, for a little while in the chapel, and you can learn the useful technique of Praying in Color. All materials will be provided.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

All of us, like sheep have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

◇CANTICLE

"Glory to the Father"

*Richard Wetzel*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.**

◇PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

*OT pages 733-734*

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is risen again

*John Rutter*

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain! Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today!. We too sing for joy and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia! He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed; Take our sins and guilt away, let us sing by night and day, alleluia, alleluia!*

*—Michael Weisse*

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 (11-15)

*NT pages 33-34*

SERMON

"God's Ultimate Weapon"

*Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings*

◇HYMN 115

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*St. Kevin*

◇AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

The Lily of the Valley

E. N. Anderson

There is the breath of lilies in the air  
And pausing midst the Easter blossoms fair  
I send thee, not the lilies, but my prayer:  
*May Jesus be  
Sweeter than lilies' fragrance flow'rs  
unto Thee.*

The Easter lilies bloom and fade away.  
Ah, linger not among earth's flow'rs, I pray  
On this, on this the resurrection day:  
*May Jesus be  
The Lily, fairer than earth's flow'rs  
to Thee.*

So weary of these fading flow'rs thou art?  
Then may that Lily, blooming in thine heart,  
Its everlasting loveliness impart.  
*May Jesus be  
The "Lily of the Valley" unto Thee.*

◇DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◇PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

Living God, source of all life and hope, all joy and peace, all compassion and justice—  
transform us by your power to make all things new.

**May the gifts of our lives be a witness to the new life you offer to Jesus Christ. Use all  
the gifts we share this day to bring the promise of new life to our neighbors, near and  
far. Amen.**

◇HYMN 123

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Easter Hymn*

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Symphony V: Toccata

*Charles-Marie Widor*

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**Today's Liturgist** is Susan Koepfel

**Today's Acolyte** is Laygay Powwah.



**First Church Choir**

Dr. David Bond, Director

*soprano*

Cheryl Holden  
Katy Miner  
Adrienne Tworek-Gryta

*alto*

Karen Frieder  
Jan Hardison  
Deborah Linton

*tenor*

Phil Sims

*bass*

Gregg Borland  
Matthew George  
Frank Wesselenyi

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