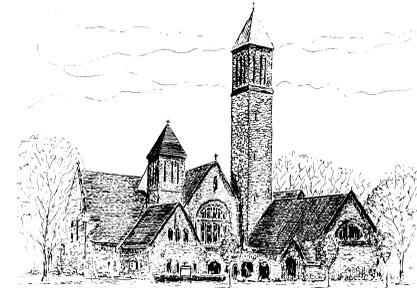


CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 27	<p>9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education — Pastor's Study</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Sunday school — Classrooms</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time — Narthex</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Praying in Color — Chapel</p>
Monday, April 28	<p>Building Closed</p> <p>May Newsletter Deadline</p>
Tuesday, April 29	<p>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal — Sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel</p>
Wednesday, April 30	<p>1:00 p.m. Bible Study — Pastor's Study</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Gather for Friends of Night People — Historical Hall</p>
Thursday, May 1	<p>6:00 p.m. Women's Book Club Gathering at Ingrid Meyer's home</p>
Friday, May 2	No events
Saturday, May 3	No events
Sunday, May 4	<p>9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education — Pastor's Study</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time — Chapel</p>



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2014

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

PRELUDE Partita on *Mold Me, O God, after Thy Goodness* *J. G. Walther*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Jesus stands among us, saying: Peace be with you.

Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.

Jesus stands among us, saying: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.

♦PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

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

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. **Amen.**

♦HYMN 121 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to forgive. We want to see Jesus' wounds, but we ignore the woundedness of others. Forgive us; give us new life! Embrace us in Christ's body so that we may embody for the world the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE VOLUNTEERS

Mackintosh Barker, Mary Field, Tim Hess, Rebecca Laubenstein, Lucas Lloyd, Sheila Miller, Ed Northwood, Suzanne Pilon, Jacob Santiago & his brother, Shannon Wheeler

FIRST READING: Psalm 16 *OT pages 495-496*

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a & 22-32 *NT pages 119-120*

SERMON "Founder's Day Sermon at Old First Church"
Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings

◇HYMN 122 "Thine Is The Glory" *Judas Maccabeus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsive)*

We offer our prayers through Christ, who lives and reigns forever, and prays for us in heaven.

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . . By the gift of your Holy Spirit, let us be agents of reconciliation and signs of your grace in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth . . . By the power of Christ's resurrection, make of this world a new creation: imperishable, undefiled, unfading.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . . Send forth the breath of your Spirit: where there is war, breathe peace; where there is fear, breathe forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . . Teach us not to lock our doors in fear but to open our hearts to our neighbors, trusting in the peace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . . Heal the wounds of body, mind, and spirit. Be present in the actions of those who believe and in the questions of those who doubt.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers, and continue your mighty work among us, through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

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 Adagio *Felix Mendelssohn*

◇DOXOLOGY 591 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old Hundredth*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◇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 in 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 399 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" *Dunlap's Creek*

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Hyfrydol* *Healey Willan*

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014

Today's liturgist is Hilary Bradford.

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.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Join us this **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! Sponsored by the CMO Committee.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book group will meet on **Thursday, May 1st** 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 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 today for a little while in the chapel, and you can learn the useful technique of Praying in Color. All materials will be provided.