



PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2014

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

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer *arr. Alan Lohr*

*◇*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We are gathered in one place to call on the name of the Lord: **come, Holy Spirit, come!**
We are members of one body, calling out, in Jesus' name: **come, Holy Spirit, come!**

*◇*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:
Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*◇*HYMN 128 "On Pentecost They Gathered" *Munich*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us in every language, but we refuse to heed your Word. You pour out the gifts of your Spirit, but we try to contain your grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Breathe upon us with your mercy and fill us with the power to proclaim 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

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

OT pages 129-130

ANTHEM

Come Down, O love Divine
(Text: Hymn 313)

Roland Martin

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

NT page 119

SERMON

“Untamed and Untameable”

Rev. Dr. Philip Gittings

◇HYMN 315

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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

Create In Me

Jean Berger

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. When many cares perplex me, Thy comfort delights my soul. My times are in Thy hand, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end. With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light do we see light. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Amen.

◇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 129

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Ebenezer

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E minor

J. S. Bach

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Janet Hill

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John Darby (T) (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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014

Today’s Liturgist is Nolan Whipple.

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.

PRAYER WALK TODAY after worship

The idea of a Prayer Walk was introduced to the Session through one of their book studies. We are so excited to have one after worship on June 8. Everyone interested in seeing the immediate neighborhood outside our walls in a prayerful manner should gather in the Narthex after worship. We will walk our neighborhood with keen intention on what we see, hear, and feel, and lift it all to our Lord. If the group is interested pizza will be served immediately following the prayer walk!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

A congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of the Town of Buffalo has been called for Sunday, June 22, 2014, immediately following worship in the Sanctuary for the purposes of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee; electing officers on the Board of Deacons, Session, and Board of Trustees.

ALLENTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND

The Allentown Arts Festival will take place next weekend, June 14-15. Please note that the festival closes Allen & Wadsworth Streets, as well as Delaware Avenue south of North Street. Please allow extra time to get to church.

JUNE ADULT EDUCATION

Phil Gittings has challenged, asked, and prayed for all our young adults and everyone else interested in ministry with young adults to attend the very special discussions on Sunday mornings during June! We hope you’ll come— no matter what your age.

During the month of June our Adult Sunday School will be sharing a very special few weeks together. At 9:30 a.m. on June 8, 15, 22 and 29 we will meet to discuss the June 2014 issue of our denomination’s magazine, “Presbyterians Today.” The issue is totally given over to articles by and about young adults and their vision for the church. The articles focus on a variety of topics including

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embracing new leaders, 11 practical ways to engage young adults, and one called “Preach this, tweet that”! There’s even an article called “The Word Made Flesh” that talks about tattoos as a spiritual practice.

So if you want an interesting, exciting and absolutely wonderful experience of learning in June, then come to Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Maybe God’s Spirit will teach us all some wonderful new things if you join us for this class.

JAZZ WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, July 6 & August 13

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

7:00 PM Worship service with Jazz music

Sponsored by the Church Life Committee

MOM’S PLAYGROUP

Attention Mothers of Young Children! In keeping with our commitment to fostering spiritual growth, the CE committee is starting a group for mothers of young children. This group will provide both fellowship and educational opportunities for moms. This group will continue to use ideas from the Raising Spiritually Healthy Children program that has been done in the past. Our first meeting is planned for Saturday, June 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Chapel. For more information, contact Erica Wichtowski or Meg Doerzbacher!

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sunday, June 8</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, June 9</p> <p>Tuesday, June 10</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, June 11</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, June 12</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">3:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, June 13</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Evening</p> <p>Saturday, June 14</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, June 15</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Pentecost PC(USA) Pentecost Offering (see insert for more information) Adult Christian Education — Pastor’s Study Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary Sunday School — Classrooms Fellowship Time — Chapel Prayer Walk around the neighborhood Board of Deacons Meeting — Historical Hall</p> <p>Building Closed</p> <p>Staff Meeting — Pastor’s Study Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall Literacy Tutoring — Chapel Membership Committee Meeting — Pastor’s Study Christian Education Committee Meeting — Historical Hall</p> <p>Bible Study — Pastor’s Study Literacy Tutoring — Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting — Pastor’s Study</p> <p>Native Offerings Crop Share Pickup — Parking Lot Grass American Institute of Architects Local Chapter Meeting — Chapel, Narthex & Sanctuary CMO Committee Meeting at SPoT Coffee Hertel One Symphony Circle Board Meeting — Historical Hall</p> <p>Nonmember Wedding Rehearsal — Sanctuary</p> <p>Allentown Arts Festival Nonmember wedding — Sanctuary</p> <p>Allentown Arts Festival Fathers’ Day Adult Christian Education — Pastor’s Study Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary Sunday School — Classrooms Fellowship Time — Chapel</p>
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:

June 15 — Trinity Sunday

What do we mean when we say that we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The idea of the Trinity, the Three in One God we worship is celebrated the week after Pentecost and this year will be no exception. We will hear about what it means to believe in the one God who discloses God’s self in three persons. We hope you’ll join us for this time of worship together.