

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 15	Allentown Arts Festival Fathers' Day 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 — Chapel
Monday, June 16	Building Closed
Tuesday, June 17	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, June 18	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, June 19	3:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Native Offerings Crop Share Pickup — Courtyard & Narthex
Friday, June 20	No events
Saturday, June 21	No events
Sunday, June 22	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. Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary 12:45 p.m. Fellowship Time — Chapel



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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.

TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2014

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

PRELUDE Prelude on *Charterhouse* *Leo Sowerby*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Our Lord is a great God, who says: I am the Alpha and the Omega,
 the first and the last, the beginning and the end. **Let us worship God!**

♦PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:
 Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. **Amen.**

♦HYMN 138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Nicea*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We neglect our responsibilities and abuse your good creation. We reject your authority and fail to keep your commands. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may serve you faithfully and live in peace with one another, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus 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

RECOGNITION OF LITERACY TUTORING VOLUNTEERS

Nancy Barry, Stephanie Berghash, Ilsa Cooper, JoAnn Doerr,
Ellen Henry, Liz Kamke, Sue Snyder

FIRST READING: Psalm 8 *OT page 492*

SECOND READING: Matthew 28:16-20 *NT page 34*

SERMON "Prime Directive or Great Commission" *Rev. Dr. Philip Gittings*

◇HYMN 473 "For The Beauty of The Earth" *Dix*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsive*) *Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q25*

Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal 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 Sonata in G *Domenico Scarlatti*

◇DOXOLOGY 591 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Tallis' Canon*

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*)

Astounding Spirit, you have showered your gifts upon us. Now we offer you our lives, to be transformed, made new, and given in love for the world; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

◇HYMN 429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *Abbot's Leigh*

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Suite for Organ *Gerald Near III. Final*

WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:

June 22 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What the heck is Ordinary Time? For the Christian church Ordinary Time is as important as any holiday or special Sunday we can name. Sometimes holding the faith in Ordinary Time is hard. This summer, during Ordinary Time, we will work on ways to not only hold onto our faith but grow with it. On June 22 we'll hear what Christ has to say about what we should and should not fear, and how following our Savior can be hard at times and in ways we might not expect.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

Today's Liturgist is Jimmy Martinez.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

COUCHSIDE CALVIN

The Young Adult Couchside Calvin group will meet at church on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM. Copies of the chapter to be discussed can be picked up on the counter in the Church Office.

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!

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