

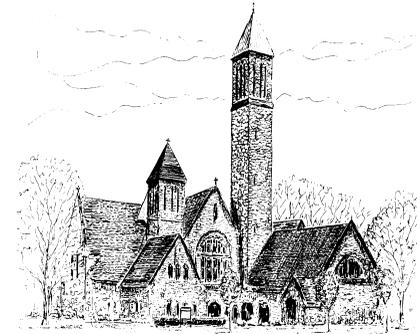
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 13	8:30 a.m. Early Summer Worship Service — Courtyard
	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. Summer Sunday School — Chapel
	12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time — Narthex
Monday, July 14	Building Closed
Tuesday, July 15	
	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study
	12:30 p.m. Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
	6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting — Historical Hall
Wednesday, July 16	
	1:00 p.m. Bible Study — Pastor's Study
	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting — Historical Hall
Thursday, July 17	
	3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Native Offerings Crop Share Pickup — Courtyard & Narthex
Friday, July 18	
Saturday, July 19	No events
Sunday, July 20	
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SUMMER ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Unlike so many other churches we at First Presbyterian don't just cancel Sunday school during the summer. In some ways we really work to make the summer program even better than much of the rest of the year. The Summer of 2014 will be no exception! This year we have a special twist for the months of July and August. We are going to have adults from our congregation lead the program themselves, with only modest help from Rev. Phil Gittings as we enjoy a series called: "My Christian Faith Beyond the Church Walls!"

Each week, beginning on July 13 at 9:30 a.m. we will have one of our members share the ways that his or her faith impact the work that they do in their jobs or in some other area of life such as special volunteer organizations. One person a week will lead the discussion and we will get a chance to know how God's grace operates in her or his business, professional, or volunteer life outside of the church walls.



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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.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13, 2014

◇CALL TO WORSHIP: (*responsive*)

Like a seed planted in good soil, **the word of God does not return empty.**
Let anyone with ears listen! **The word of God will bear good fruit.**

◇PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:
You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all growth, your grace abounds forever. **Amen**

◇HYMN 461

"God Is Here!"

Abbot's Leigh

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

If we have died in 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 25:19-34

OT pages 21-22

GOSPEL LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

NT pages 157-158

SERMON

“Victory Cry”

Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings

◇HYMN 403

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse

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

Fugue

J. S. Bach

◇DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

Old Hundredth

◇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 417

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Regent Square

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2014

Today's Liturgist is Ken Madell.

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.

GARDEN WALK BUFFALO

First Church, One Symphony Circle, Kleinhans, the BPO, Lloyd Taco Trucks and many others are partnering to make Symphony Circle THE place to be for the 20th Annual Garden Walk Buffalo on July 26-27! Highlights include:

- ☆ Church gardens as part of the Garden Walk from 10 AM to 4 PM both days.
- ☆ Tours of the sanctuary and chapel both days.
- ☆ A Food Truck Rodeo in our parking lot, with picnicking on Kleinhans's lawn.
- ☆ A Garden Walk Celebration concert by the BPO in our Sanctuary Saturday night at 7 PM.
- ☆ The 4th Annual First Church Garden Walk Organ Recital on Sunday at 4 PM

If you are available to be on hand as a volunteer for any period of time this last weekend in July, please call the Church Office to schedule, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for giving your time and talent to this popular event!

GARDEN WALK ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, July 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Guest Organist David Snyder will perform musical selections by Bach, Pachelbel, and others on the renowned Noehren organ. The thirty minute concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. A free will offering to benefit the historic preservation of the building will be collected. Tell your friends!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Our worship time will remain 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary on Sundays all summer long.
- Beginning July 13, there will be a second worship service beginning at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary.
- On August 3, there will be Jazz Vesper service at 7 PM.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Join us on **Wednesday, July 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Church Life Committee was asked to consider organizing a picnic where the community could be invited. We have agreed to invite the community to our Welcome Back Picnic this September. In order for this to happen we need help! Please see Virginia McIntyre if you are willing to volunteer