

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS



SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

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Class of 2015
Jean Hess (2)
Tim Hess (1)
Janet Hill (T) (2)
Don Houck (T) (2)
Susan Koeppel (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)

Class of 2017
Mark Armesto (T) (2)
Lucas Lloyd (1)
Henry Porter (T) (1)
Sue Snyder (1)
Roger Woodard (1)

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

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)
José Gomez (2)
Gifty Koramoah (1)
Ken Madell (2)

Class of 2017
Pat Brown (2)
Rebecca Laubenstein (1)
Madeline Mason (1)
Lovelace Quarshie (1)
Olga Rico-Armesto (2)
Nolan Whipple (1)



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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 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 *Pange Lingua* *Leo Sowerby*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come to the waters; come, eat and drink. **The Lord gives us food in due season.**
Come to Christ; come, eat and be filled. **By the grace of God, there is plenty for all.**

♦HYMN 434 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” *Ellacombe*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We have been called your own, and yet we fail to see the world the way you do. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. People of God, all of us together have received God’s mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united by faith. **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Bisons’ Game *Stephanie Smith*

RECOGNITION OF JULY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

*Mark Armesto, Olga Rico-Armesto, Susan Koeppel, Eric Laubenstein, Karen Lewis,
Jimmy Martinez, Sheila Miller, Shannon Rogers, Jacob Santos, Sue Snyder*

RECOGNITION OF JULY FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE VOLUNTEERS

MacIntosh Barker, Mary Field, Samantha Gaerte, Don Houck, Susan Koeppel, Ingrid Meyer, Shannon Rogers, Jacob Santos, Katherine Woodard, Roger Woodard

COMMISSIONING OF AUGUST FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS

Cleo Alexander, Molly Anthony, Mark Juan Armesto, Olga Rico-Armesto, Gregg Borland, Madeline Mason, Maria Murphy

FIRST READING: Psalm 101 *OT pages 552-553*

SOLO ANTHEM *Steal Away* *arr. H. T. Burleigh*
Adrienne Tworek-Gryta, soprano

SECOND READING: Amos 3:1-15 *NT pages 851-852*

SERMON "Listening for the Lord's Word!" *Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings*

◇HYMN 513 "Let Us Break Bread Together" *Let Us Break Bread*

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* *César Franck*
Adrienne Tworek-Gryta, soprano

◇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)*

Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.

All in the heavens and on the earth is Yours, and of Your own we give You. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

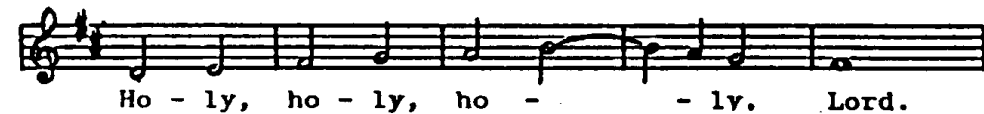
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

The Minister continues and then says:

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly. Lord.



God of pow'r & might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your



glo- ry. Ho - san - - - na in the high - est!

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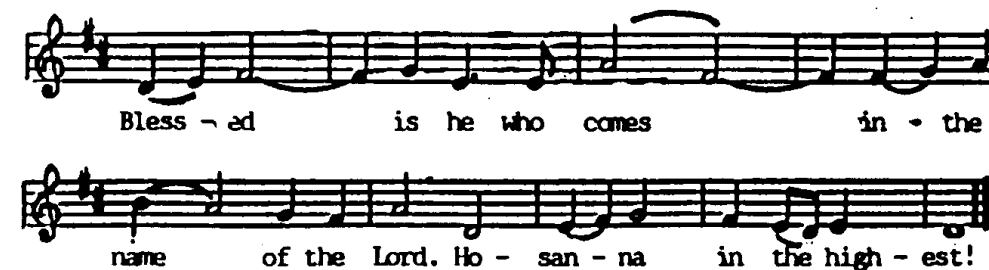
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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 3	
8:30 a.m.	Early Summer Worship Service — Courtyard
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education with Stephanie Smith — Pastor's Study
11:15 a.m.	Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Narthex
5:30 p.m.	Potluck Supper — Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Jazz Vesper Service — Courtyard
Monday, August 4	
	Building Closed
Tuesday, August 5	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study
12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
5:30 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee Meeting — Pastor's Study
6:30 p.m.	National Night Out Picnic on Kleinhans's Lawn
7:00 p.m.	Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting — Historical Hall
Wednesday, August 6	
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study — Pastor's Study
6:00 p.m.	P&A Committee Meeting — Pastor's Study
Thursday, August 7	
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Native Offerings Crop Share Pickup — Courtyard & Narthex
Friday, August 8	
	No events
Saturday, August 9	
	No events
Sunday, August 10	
8:30 a.m.	Early Summer Worship Service — Courtyard
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education with Rebecca Laubenstein — 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.	Ice Cream Social & Fellowship Time — Narthex



The Minister continues and says:
Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Minister continues and says:
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious God, You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received His cup, to be His faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, and our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◇HYMN 521

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Finest Wheat

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014

Today's Liturgist is Gregg Borland.

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.

JAZZ VESPER SERVICE

TONIGHT! Sunday, August 3

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

7:00 PM Worship service with Jazz music

Featuring Jazz pianist, Michael McNeill and Brian DeJesus on bass.

The service will be held in the Courtyard, weather permitting. Rain location, Chapel.

Sponsored by the Church Life Committee

TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Communion Sundays are designated "Food Pantry Sunday." Donations of canned goods can be placed in the shopping cart that will be near the chancel. Monetary donations to the Lyon Food Pantry are also appreciated. First Church feeds an average of 20 hungry people every Tuesday, right here in our neighborhood. This is an opportunity for hands-on mission that helps many. Thank you!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PICNIC

Tuesday, August 5

The Allentown Association & the Kleinhans Community Association will host a potluck picnic at

6:30 PM on the lawn in front of Kleinhans Music Hall. We will provide hot dogs, sausage, chips, water, plates, forks, and napkins. Please bring a salad, dessert, or other dish to pass if you are able. Invited guests are: Community Police Officers, Chief Patterson, Mayor Brown, Council Members Franczyk, Rivera, & Pridgen. Please come and meet your neighbors and find ways to get more involved in your community. Bring chairs.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 10

after the 11:15 AM service

Join the Christian Education Committee for an old fashioned Ice Cream Social! Bring a friend!

BISONS GAME

First Church Goes to the Coca-Cola Field! Join your church family for an afternoon Bisons game! Church Life is organizing a group outing after services on Sunday, August 24th. Game starts at 1:05 PM. Ticket cost will be \$10/person, and each will be on their own for concession purchases.

Please sign up with Stephanie Smith (smithstephanie@gmail.com / 716-531-3450).

APARTMENT WANTED

A friend of First Church is looking for a one bedroom apartment in Elmwood Village. If you know of any available, please let Phil Gittings know.

NURSERY CARE

First Church offers nursery services for infants and children up through age four. The nursery is located on the second floor of Allen Hall and is available from 9:30 AM until the end of regular worship on Sunday mornings. Our paid nursery workers are safe and reliable and love children! Please feel free to use this service on Sunday mornings!

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 month of 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 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.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

During the month of August we will worship God with a focus on Amos, the Shepherd from Tekoa. Amos brought a message of God's disapproval of Israel's actions toward the needy and the outcast, as well as a warning that they were turning away from God by worshiping other Gods. Yet through it all, Amos assures the faithful that God is with them. During the first four Sundays in August we will focus on the message of this incredible prophet of God. Each week we'll hear a different part of his Word to us.

August 3-Chosen to do Justice: Amos 3:1-15
August 10-Seek the Lord and Live: Amos 5:1-17
August 17-Let Justice Roll: Amos 5:18-27
August 24-The Lord Will Restore: Amos 9:11-15

Make a special effort to join us in either the 8:30 AM Early Bird Service or our 11:15 AM service to hear the messages from almost 28 centuries ago that is as up to date today as the latest Apple product!