



First Presbyterian Church

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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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2015

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

PRELUDE Variations on *Adoro te devote* *Gerald Near*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*
As Christ served, **let us serve,**
As Christ sacrificed, **let us sacrifice,**
For in such lies the secret of true greatness.
Let us worship God.

♦HYMN 288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” *Ellacombe*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
Forgive us, Lord, not only for doing the wrong things, but also the right things for the wrong reasons. We confess that sometimes we have done good things to gain recognition and esteem. Our giving has sometimes been adulterated by the desire to receive honor. Our service has sometimes been prompted by a need for recognition. Our mortality has sometimes been prompted more by the fear of discovery than by a yearning for righteousness. Give us, Lord, not only the right actions, but the right motives as well. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsive)*
We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior. In 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
LITURGY OF SHARING

Maria Oakley

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:10-11

OT page 684
OT pages 507-508

PSALM: Psalm 33:4-5,18-22

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 4; 14-16

ANTHEM Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Colin Mawby

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought; and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while; under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:35-45 NT page 220

SERMON "Everyday is Judgment Day" Elder Virginia McIntyre

◇HYMN 421 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" Wareham

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 O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan-Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

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)
Holy God, we give you thanks for all your gifts of goodness and grace. Receive these gifts from our hands as a sacrifice of praise to you and teach us to honor you each day by our obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

◇HYMN 467 "O Lord My God" O Store Gud

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare Kenneth Leighton
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS



SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

Clerk of Session
Janet Hill

Class of 2016
Ian Bradford (T) (2)
Andrew Gaerte (T) (1)
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)

Class of 2018
John Darby (T) (1)
Tim Hess (2)
Lauren Hill (T) (1)
Susan Koepfel (2)
Virginia McIntyre (2)

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

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)
Lovell Quarshie (1)
Olga Rico-Armesto (2)
Nolan Whipple*(1)

Class of 2018
Christina Banas* (1)
Mary Field (1)
Liz Kamke (2)
Sheila Miller (1)
Tina Osei (2)



* Indicates Co-Moderator

(T) indicates that the Elder has also been nominated or elected to serve as a Trustee while on Session.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 18	
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Elder Virginia McIntyre preaching — Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Sunday school — Classrooms
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Nonmember wedding — Chapel & Sanctuary
Monday, October 19	
Church Closed	
Tuesday, October 20	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study
11:00 a.m.	Houghton Service — Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring Teacher's Meeting — Chapel
6:00 p.m.	One Symphony Circle Board Meeting — Historical Hall
Wednesday, October 21	
12:30 p.m.	Bible Study — Pastor's Study
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting — Historical Hall
Thursday, October 22	
3:00 p.m.	Native Offerings Crop Share Pickup — Courtyard
Friday, October 23	
No events	
Saturday, October 24	
No events	
Sunday, October 25	
Celebrating Senior Members	
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Sunday school — Classrooms
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Chapel

Prayer for the Week:

The blessed in your eyes
 are not those who have everything
 but those who have nothing.
 Not the rich in earning
 but the rich in spending
 who give their all for you.
 Your ordinary saints
 being your hands,
 feet and words
 in their ordinary lives,
 Doing extraordinary things for you.
 The blessed in your eyes
 are not those who desire honor,
 but those who merely seek to serve.
 Thank you for the servants in your kingdom.

FIRST CHURCH STAFF LIST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

Today's Liturgist is Mark Armesto.

Today's Acolyte is Tow Pow.

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.

Additional parking is available in the Gateway-Longview lot on Wadsworth Street Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, courtesy of Carl Paladino.

DEACON PRAYER LIST

We want to know if you are sick, have a joy to share, or need a prayer. To add a prayer to the list, please contact a Deacon or the Church Office by Noon on Thursday of each week. Your prayer needs may remain anonymous if you wish.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry group meets Mondays at 6:30 PM at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library (4622 Main St. in Snyder just past Harlem Rd.) Anyone is welcome, and yarn can be provided. Speak to Ellen Henry or JoAnn Doerr with any questions.

SENIOR CELEBRATION

Senior members of First Church, 75 and older, are cordially invited to attend a special worship service on Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 AM in the

sanctuary, during which you will be celebrated and honored. A special coffee hour will follow. Sponsored by the Board of Deacons

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB GATHERING

The Women's Book Club will gather on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 PM at the home of JoAnn Doerr* (32 Tillinghast in Buffalo). The book to be discussed is *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. Potluck supper— please bring a dish to share! *Please note location change; previous publications indicate Liz Kamke was to host.

CHURCH OFFICE

Christina Banas is on vacation this week. The Church Office will have limited hours. If you need to coordinate access, please speak to David Bond or Phil Gittings.

JAZZ VESPER SERVICE

Sunday, November 1
6:00 PM Potluck Supper
7:00 PM Worship service with Jazz music
Poetry and Jazz unite to create a unique worship experience.

A NOTE FROM ELDER JOHN DARBY

In the same spirit as our successful summertime guest preacher program, the Session thought that it might be fun to arrange a Youth Service that could be developed and presented by our youth on **November 22, 2015.**

Since this is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the universal topic of Thanksgiving, in all its various forms, seemed like a timely and appropriate theme that our youth could sink their teeth into.

The purpose of this note is to let you know about this service and to see if your child (or children) would be interested in contributing their talents to making this a successful event. There are a variety of different roles that each member of our youth could participate in depending on age and interest, but to make it a really fun event, we need as many youth as possible to say "Yes".

I have volunteered to get this process off the ground and help organize the Sunday service. If you want to participate, I need the following information from you **ASAP.**

You can send this information to Christina at the Church who will help collate the information for me.

- Child's name:
- Contact information (with a heavy preference on email, please):
- Interest area:

Once we have those identified who want to participate we can begin assigning various roles for the service. In the interests of making this a smooth and well received event, we will need a couple of meetings to bring the event together, so just be prepared to attend these mandatory meetings if you say "Yes".

I know that my three kids are super excited about this and are already brimming with ideas, and I hope yours will be too!

This is also an opportunity to get the word out to friends and family in the community (with a heavy emphasis on kids who do not attend Church at all or do not attend Church regularly) about this special Sunday and lets see how many new faces we can get to Church on "Youth Day".

I have a bet with Maria Oakley that we can get 50 new kids at this service on November 22, so I will need all of your help to make this a reality and win my bet! **Wouldn't that be great – 50 new kids in Church?!**

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF 10/18/15

- For Liz Kamke's mother-in-law, Terry, who is ill. Liz is currently in Florida caring for her.
- For a man named Jim who is suffering from neurological issues.