

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS



SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

Clerk of Session

Janet Hill

Class of 2014

Mark Armesto (T) (1)
John Darby (T) (2)
Lauren Hill (T) (2)
Marv Riegler (2)
Erica Wichtowski (1)

Class of 2015

Jean Hess (2)
Tim Hess (1)
Janet Hill (2)
Don Houck (T) (2)
Susan Koepfel (1)
Virginia McIntyre (1)

Class of 2016

Ian Bradford (T) (2)
Mike Henry (T) (2)
Stephanie Lipnicki (1)
Ryan Nadbrzuch (T) (1)
Maria Oakley (1)

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

Class of 2014

Pat Brown (1)
Russell Carlson (2)
Mary Field (2)
Karen Frieder (2)
Olga Rico-Armesto (1)
Lou Ann Luther Riegler (1)

Class of 2015

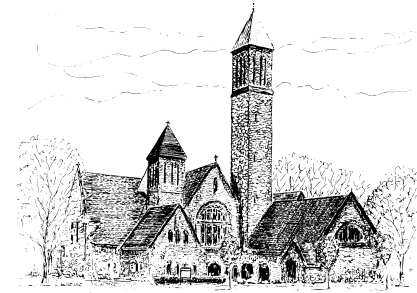
Eleanor Kamke (1)
Liz Kamke (1)
Tina Osei (1)
Judith Paradzai (2)
Phil Sims (2)
Denis Wettlaufer (2)

Class of 2016

Jackie Addo (1)
Cleo Alexander (2)
Mark Juan Armesto (2)
José Gomez (2)
Gifty Koramoah (1)
Ken Madell (2)



(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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 10, 2013

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

PRELUDE Partita on Praise God, Christians, All Together *J. G. Walther*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Lord, you have searched us and know us. **You know when we sit and when we rise.**
We praise you, **because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**
We praise you, **because our lives are never hidden from you.**

♦HYMN 455 “All Creatures of Our God and King” *Laßt uns erfreuen*
(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

You are our Creator, O God, and we are as clay in your potter’s hands, being shaped as seems best to you. Yet we confess that the sin we have harbored and the wrongs we have done spoil your work and mar your creation. We claim to bear our crosses and follow your Son, but when we begin to count the cost, our steps grow heavy and our folly is revealed. Forgive us, O God. Refresh our hearts and refashion us into willing and enduring disciples, vessels that will forever serve your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
May the God of Mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

♦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

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Elder: Kofi, Nanayaw & Christopher are presented by the session, for the reaffirming of the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. They now desire to profess publicly their faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world.

The Minister continues and then says:

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 the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love? **I will.**

CONGREGATIONAL PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

You have publically professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Minister continues and then says:

Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Save the Tower

RSVP to: kevin@kcsfitness.com or 716-359-6622

KC's Fitness, Lloyd Taco Trucks, and friends of First Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to an evening of great fun, music, food and refreshments on Friday November 15th. The tower of this historic building requires \$300,000.00 of structural masonry work, and all of the proceeds from this evening will go to this cause.

Please join with us for a wonderful evening, and in the process, support the restoration and preservation of our iconic tower. The suggested (or minimum) donation for as much food, wine and beer as you can consume responsibly will be \$40.00.

**Where: First Presbyterian Church
One Symphony Circle Buffalo, NY 14201
When: Friday November 15th, 2013
Time: 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Donation: \$40.00**

◇PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◇HYMN 369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm Gonna Live

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013

Today's Liturgist is Mark Armesto.

Today's acolyte is Nanayaw Osei.

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.

PECAN SALE TO BENEFIT VOICE BUFFALO

Again this year the CMO Committee will sell one-pound bags of Georgia pecans for \$10 each. Get your pecans for both Thanksgiving and Christmas baking. Recipes available!

HOUGHTON COLLEGE PRISM CONCERT

A limited number of tickets to the Sunday, December 8th Prism concert are available by contacting David Bond at 884-7250, ext. 17 or DBond@firstchurchbuffalo.org. The ticket price is \$20. This popular concert often sells out.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise gives promise to families in need. Homeless Families are housed in host churches while they look for permanent housing and jobs. Support churches help feed the hungry families that are housed in the host church. First Presbyterian is a support church for Grace Lutheran Church. We provide volunteers 4-5 times a year on a Sunday afternoon to provide company to these homeless families and to share dinner with them.

We are on the verge of giving up this important ministry, because of lack of volunteers. Our next date to spend time at Grace Lutheran is today November 10th; however no volunteers have come forward. Our next date is January 5, 2014. I need

to know if First Presbyterian should bow out of this ministry or if there are people here willing to share two hours of their time with those less fortunate.

-Susan Koepfel

ARS NOVA MUSICIANS' CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 PM

in the Sanctuary

Viva Vivaldi Festival XXXV

Tickets are \$12. Reception to follow.

See www.arsnovamusicians.com for information on the entire concert series.

FRUITCAKES

The Women's Association is again selling famous Claxton fruitcakes for the holidays. The price is \$4.50 each, and checks made payable to Women's Association may be left in Christina Banas' mailbox in the church office.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Sunday School classes are decorating grocery bags to be used for our Fall Food Drive. Bags will be distributed on November 17th and can be brought back November 24th and December 1st.

COUCHSIDE CALVIN

The Young Adults have another gathering of Couchside Calvin scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 but don't have a place to hold it. Any young adults interested? Check the Young Adults Facebook group for updates.

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