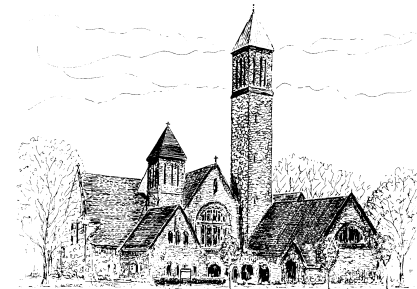


# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 17	9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education — Pastor's Study 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
Monday, November 18	Building Closed
Tuesday, November 19	10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study 12:30 p.m. Food Bag Distribution — Historical Hall 1:00 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal — Sanctuary 4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
Wednesday, November 20	1:00 p.m. Bible Study — Pastor's Study 4:30 p.m. Literacy Tutoring — Chapel <b>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting — Chapel</b>
Thursday, November 21	<b>December Newsletter Deadline</b>
Friday, November 22	6:00 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday, November 23	10:00 a.m. City Honors IB DP Team Meeting — Historical Hall 11:00 a.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Sunday, November 24	Return Food Bags 9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education — Pastor's Study 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 <b>6:30 p.m. Ars Nova "Viva Vivaldi" Concert — Sanctuary</b> <i>Reception to follow in the Chapel</i>



## First Presbyterian Church

(716) 884-7250 • Fax: (716) 884-7253

email@firstchurchbuffalo.org • www.firstchurchbuffalo.org

"Like" us Facebook: "First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, NY" •

Follow us Twitter @1stChurchBflo

*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-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 17, 2013

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

PRELUDE Cantilena *Joseph Rheinberger*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Rejoice in what God is creating: a new heaven and a new earth!

**The Lord is our strength and our song.**

**We will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.**

Remember your baptism and give thanks; celebrate all that Christ has done.

**The Lord is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.**

God rejoices in creation, and we are the people of God's delight.

**The Lord's name is exalted. We will sing, because God has done glorious things!**

♦HYMN 478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Lauda Anima*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy One, you are surely our salvation, for though our idleness and sin deserve your anger, you turn to us in grace and comfort us. You are our strength and our might, enabling us to work peaceably and to do what is right, drawing deep from your wellsprings of life, and putting the former things out of mind. Grant us, we pray, ever deeper gratitude for your grace in Jesus Christ, that we may offer you enduring praise and exalt your name, singing with joy at your merciful presence. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

*OT page 696*

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:5-19

*NT page 85*

SERMON

“Previews of Coming Cosmic Calamities” *Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings*

◇HYMN 379

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *Solid Rock*

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

◇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

◇HYMN 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal” *Lancashire*

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G *J. S. Bach*



**THANKSGIVING TURKEYS**

The CMO Committee is getting 20 turkey dinners from North Presbyterian Church again this year. If you are in need of a turkey basket, please speak to Susan Koeppel after church or call her during the week. The committee is making calls to those who have received turkeys in the past

Food Pantry Shopping List:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canned pork & beans
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramen noodles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pasta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually wrapped toilet paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pasta sauce	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canned veggies	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canned soup	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013

Today’s Liturgist is Madeline Mason.

Today’s acolyte is Kofi 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.

**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](http://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 today 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 at 7:00 PM at the home of Lauren Hill. Check the Young Adults Facebook group for more details.

**DICKENS’ CELEBRATION**

Women’s Association will host the annual Dickens Celebration after church on **Sunday, December 1st** in the Chapel. Enjoy taking part in readings in dramatic form. This is your big chance to become a full-fledged thespian. Who knows? You may be Tiny Tim, Ghost of Christmas Past, Bob Crachit or even Scrooge himself. It’ll be an afternoon of fun! Bring a yummy snack of finger foods or dessert!

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB GATHERING**

Women’s Book group will meet on Thursday, December 5 for a 6:00 p.m. for our pot luck meal, and discuss the book Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende. There will also be a Christmas book exchange. We will be meeting at Liz Kamke’s home, 476 Ashland Ave., Buffalo.