



# 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.*

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## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 3, 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 *Oh God, My Faithful God*

*Flor Peeters*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

♦PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

God of the ages, we praise You for all Your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to Your truth, **we praise You, O God.**

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, **we praise You, O God.**

We remember all who have lived and died in faith, and especially those dear to us who rest in You: Marcia Hauber, Camilla Kintner, Cecelia Ossah, Sig Potembski, Paul Reger, and the Reverend Charles White.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

♦HYMN 526

“For All the Saints”

*Sine Nomine*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Living God, Alpha and Omega, you have prepared a new creation for us but we are unprepared for its coming. You have come to live among us but we rejected and crucified your love. You promise us that even death will pass away but we cling to sins and sorrows. Forgive us. Make us new. Pour out the gift of your grace from the spring of the water of life. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

*Mark Armesto*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*OT pages 871-872*

ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

*Johannes Brahms*

*How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! Blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise Thy Name evermore, they praise Thee, they praise Thy Name evermore! How lovely is Thy dwelling-place!*

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

*NT page 82*

SERMON

“Little Big Man!”

*Rev. Dr. Philip Gittings*

◇HYMN 335

“Though I May Speak”

*O Waly Waly*

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus

*W. A. Mozart*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

◇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 angels and archangels 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!  
Bless - ed is he who comes in - the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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:



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013

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**Today's Liturgist** is Don Houck.

**Today's acolytes** are Mark Juan Armesto and Case Darby.

**The flowers** in the chancel are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of all the saints.

**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.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry group meets Mondays from 6:15-7:45 PM at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library (4622 Main St. in Snyder just past Harlem Rd.) The group will meet Monday evenings. Anyone is welcome, and yarn can be provided. Speak to Ellen Henry or JoAnn Doerr with any questions.

### TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is designated "Food Pantry Sunday." Donations of cereal, canned goods, & non-perishable food items can be brought to church and placed in the Narthex. 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!

### ROYAL SERENADERS CONCERT

**TODAY, November 3 at 4:00 PM**

at First Church in the Sanctuary.

with Guest Artists Amherst Bel Canto Choir

The Royal Serenaders are a lovely bunch of fellas with heavenly singing voices. They've been performing jazz, pop, gospel, classic favorites, opera, and anthems under the direction of Roy A. Mathis for more than sixty years.

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

"Celebrating Our Generosity"

Special worship celebration, potluck luncheon after worship (please bring a dish to pass). Speak to Virginia McIntyre for volunteer opportunities!

### PECAN SALE TO BENEFIT VOICE BUFFALO

Again this year the CMO Committee will sell one-pound bags of Georgia pecans for \$10 each. Beginning November 10, 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](mailto:DBond@firstchurchbuffalo.org). The ticket price is \$20. This popular concert often sells out.

# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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Sunday, November 3	All Saints Celebration
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Historical Hall
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class — Pastor's Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Chapel
4:00 p.m.	<b>Royal Serenader's Concert — Sanctuary</b>
Monday, November 4	Building Closed
Tuesday, November 5	Election Day
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting — Pastor's Study
12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Distribution — Historical Hall
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
5:30 p.m.	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting — Pastor's Study</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Lands &amp; Buildings Committee Meeting — Historical Hall</b>
Wednesday, November 6	
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study — Pastor's Study
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
Thursday, November 7	
6:00 p.m.	Hudson Street Revitalization Meeting — Chapel
Friday, November 8	No events
Saturday, November 9	No events
Sunday, November 10	<b>Stewardship Sunday</b>
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Historical Hall
9:30 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class Breakfast with Session — Chapel</b>
11:00 a.m.	Worship & Confirmation, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Sunday school — Classrooms
12:00 p.m.	Potluck Luncheon — Chapel



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



# 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 Koeppel (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.*