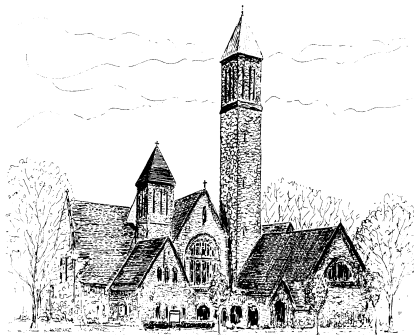


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The mission of historic First Church is to bring diverse people of metropolitan Buffalo together to follow Jesus Christ through worshiping God, fostering spiritual growth, and serving the community.

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

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 19, 2024

PRELUDE

Scherzetto

Louis Vierne

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

◇CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to a place of the Holy Spirit.

In this sanctuary are healing and hope, wind and fire.

We have come to a community of the Holy Spirit.

Our sons and daughters are prophets;

Alzheimer’s patients dream dreams; Gen Z’s see visions.

We have come to a time of the Holy Spirit.

We expect the unexpected.

We come to worship God!

◇HYMN 129

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Ebenezer

◇PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hildegard of Bingen

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

Holy Spirit, making life alive, moving in all things, root of all created being, cleansing the cosmos of every impurity, anointing wounds. You are lustrous and praiseworthy life, you waken and re-awaken everything that is. **Amen.**

◇CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us invite the Spirit in so that we can begin to pray.

Come Holy Spirit, **Fill us.**

Come, Holy Breath, **Live in us.**

Come, Holy Wind, **Move through us.**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again.

**When we are led by other impulses, we become slaves again,
and our way of being is guided by fear.**

Where we are guided by prejudice, **Fill us with love.**
 Where we are guided by pessimism, **Fill us with joy.**
 Where we are guided by misunderstanding, **Fill us with peace.**
 Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes, **Fill us with patience.**
 Where we are guided by self-interest, **Fill us with patience.**
 Where we are guided by apathy, **Fill us with goodness.**
 Where we are guided by convenience, **Fill us with faithfulness.**
 Where we are guided by complacency, **Fill us with meekness.**
 Where we are guided by temptation, **Fill us with self-control.**

Come Holy Spirit, **Fill us.**
 Come, Holy Breath, **Live in us.**
 Come, Holy Wind, **Move through us. Amen.**

◇CANTICLE

“Glory to the Father”

Richard Wetzel

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as in the _ be -
 gin - ning, so _ now, and for - ev - er. A - men. _____

◇PASSING OF THE PEACE

In Jesus Christ, we know God’s forgiveness and peace. Let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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ANTHEM

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Robert J. Powell

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sev’nfold gifts impart. Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Leslie Latham

◇HYMN 136

“Let Every Christian Pray”

Laudes Domini

◇AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As on the Day of Pentecost, God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the gentle night to you Moon and stars pour their healing light on you Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you Deep peace of Christ to you

◇DOXOLOGY

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

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might.

8 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

14 in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

20 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:

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

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

◇HYMN 129

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

◇CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Prelude on Ebenezer

Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Today's liturgist is Marsha Baker.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee hour after worship today.

CHURCH LIFE EVENTS

Save the date—June 9th after church. There will be a 'thank-you' party for David in the community room.

Save the date for Shakespeare in Delaware Park—Sunday, July 28, 2024. Church Life has reserved the event platform for the evening. Cost will be \$10 per person to cover the rental. Details regarding payment, time, etc., will follow closer to the date.

JOYS & CONCERNS

- For Gregg and Anna Kay.
- For Johanna & Terry, living with dementia.
- For Alan and Bob, residing in a skilled nursing facility.
- For Gino to continue walking on the right road.
- For Karl fighting lung cancer.
- For Olga recovering from knee surgery
- For all First Church members who are homebound or residing in adult living facilities.
- For the nesting congregations in our building—El Shaddai Buffalo & Holiness Mennonite
- For the people of the United State and its elected leaders & representatives
- For the people of and in Ukraine.
- For the people of Gaza, Israel, Jordan, and Syria.

Prayer requests: dbond@firstchurchbuffalo.org or call 716-884-7250, Ext. 204.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of newness and delight, you greet your world again with light and life. I awaken to your presence behind, before, beneath, above, and within me. I thank you for another day and ask only that you keep me so firmly in your care that I can move gracefully through all I have to do. Guard my family, my friends, and all my brothers and sisters in faith. Let me be a peacemaker today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good and Holy One, you have led me through this day of many encounters to the time when I may close my eyes and dream. I thank you for the people you have sent my way today, for the work I have had to do, for the food, shelter, and safety you have given. I pray that people everywhere may have all necessary comfort and nourishment and that I may lie down in peace, resting in the trust that you are watching over all creation. I pray this in the name of the One who made Earth, called the children to come, and blows through our days with wisdom. Amen.

Duffield Camp and Retreat Center has openings for their summer camps. Please consider sending your children and grandchildren and let your friends know about Camp Duffield.

- First Timers Science Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 14 - 17
- First Timers Music Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 21 - 24
- Science Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 14 - 20
- Music Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 21 - 27
- Night Owls (8th-12th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Impact 716 Camp (1st-8th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Challenge Camp for adults (over 18) with developmental disabilities July 7 - 13

Camp Duffield is located on 137 acres of forested land in Delevan, NY, just over the border between Erie County and Cattaraugus County, 45minutes south of Buffalo. It has 7 groomed trails, 6 cabins sleeping 12 each, a pond for swimming, fishing or canoeing, and many traditional camp activities. There is a recreation area including a Gaga pit (ask your kids), a Nine Square in the Air ball game, climbing wall, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes, sand volleyball area, tether ball, and basketball hoop. The camp is ready and waiting for you. Just go to our website, www.campduffield.net for more information and to register.

The Undiscovered Country

from whose bourne no traveller returns... Hamlet III.1, Wm. Shakespeare

A series of brunch workshops
directly after worship
on preparing for our deaths

**MAY
19**



What to know before you die

What are your medical options when a loved one is dying? What procedures are necessary, and what about dying with dignity? A panel of medical professionals will walk us through the good, the bad, the beauty, and the ugly of death. We'll also talk about hospice and other options.

RSVP no later than May 15

**JUNE
2**



The paperwork of it all

We'll review wills, MOLST forms, health proxy, power of attorney, NOK files—navigating the river of terms to make sure you and your family are clear on your last days. Forms will be available for you to take home.

RSVP no later than May 29

**JUNE
30**



Difficult conversations

How do you sit down with loved ones who are too scared to listen, much less know what your final wishes are? We'll use our knowledge from the previous sessions to help plan those conversations. We'll also take a stab at writing our own obituaries. How else will people know about all your accomplishments?

RSVP no later than June 26

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*An Interdenominational Service for
Memorial Day*



**Seventeenth Annual Gathering of Churches of the West Side,
Families, Friends, Neighbors, Everyone**

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Hymns, songs, prayers, meditations on courage, sacrifice, and rededication

**St. John's-Grace Church 51 Colonial Circle (Richmond at Lafayette)
Buffalo, New York 14222 716 885-1112 www.stjohnsgrace.org**

All are welcome. Come and remember what Memorial Day is all about.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 19, 2024` 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	The Day of Pentecost—Holy Communion In person and livestreamed— Rev. Leslie Latham preaching Coffee hour in the narthex
Monday, May 20, 2024	No events
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Food Bag Distribution—Courtyard Friends of Harmony rehearsal—Hindman Chapel
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Serendipity Shoppe open — Basement
Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Serendipity Shoppe open — Basement
Friday, May 24, 2024 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Serendipity Shoppe open — Basement
Saturday, May 25, 2024 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Serendipity Shoppe open — Basement
Sunday, May 26, 2024`	NO SERVICE THIS MORNING

Please visit our updated website at www.firstchurchbuffalo.org.

That's where you'll find:

- The link to Sunday worship on-line and previous services in recording.
- Weekly bulletins
- Newsletters
- Photos—we'd love to have some of your church-related pictures
- News about church life
- Upcoming events

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James Gardner (2)
Jean Hess (2)
Maria Patrick-Roberts (1)

Class of 2025

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Pat Harmon (1)
Suzanne Pilon (1)

Class of 2026

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Tim Hess (2)
Quinton Meyer (2)

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Nikia Jenkins (1)
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