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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 27, 2019 BAPTISM OF IDA RAE GAERTE

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.*

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King had a dream – the ideals of justice and freedom and the belief all are created equal in the eyes of God.

We can help realize the dream by our action, or delay it by inaction.

Martin's dream was of a day when people from all races and nations can sit at a table as brothers and sisters.

Our dream is that one day soon we will find a way to stop celebrating the dream and start living it.

Martin's dream was not about an ideal world; it was about the real world where injustice abounds but may be overcome.

We also have a dream – that the Holy Spirit will arouse in us the flame of righteousness that caused Martin Luther King to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all God's children. In that spirit, let us worship the Lord!

♦HYMN 386

“O for a World”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

We turn to you often, O God, as we seek through prayer to find the meaning of life. Sometimes it's a fervent prayer in the midst of serious meditation, but more often it's a fleeting prayer on the run. We pray that you will awaken us to hear the cries of the poor, the homeless, the broken-hearted. Mold us, O God, and open our hearts and minds to be willing vessels of your spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

◇PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.**

ANTHEM

Consider

Roland Martin

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief: we are as they; like them we fade away, as doth a leaf. Consider the sparrows of the air of small account: our God doth view whether they fall or mount, He guards us too. Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil, yet are most fair: what profits all this care and all this coil? Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest weeks; God gives them food: much more our Father seeks to do us good.

—Christina Rossetti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-7

OT page 692-693

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:26-31

NT page 10

MEDITATION

“Silence Is Not an Option”

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Hughes

◇HYMN 360

“Hope of the World”

Donne Secours

Verses 1, 4, & 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

OFFERTORY

God in Mine Eternity

Alan Bullard

God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking And God in my thinking. God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching And God in my hoping. God in my life, God in my lips, God in my soul, God in my heart, God in mine eternity.

◇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

Holy God, in your outpouring of the Spirit, you have gladdened us with divine generosity. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Hughes, Elder Mark Armesto
and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church

Ida Rae Gaerte

born May 14, 2018

daughter of Samantha and Andrew Gaerte;
granddaughter of Doug and Phyllis Gaerte, and Sarah Keenan

INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM

Dr. Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:4-6

Doug Gaerte

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all

Elder Armesto: On behalf of the Session, I present Ida Rae Gaerte, daughter of Samantha and Andrew, as a candidate for baptism.

In presenting your child for baptism, our church asks that you answer the following questions:

- Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on Ida’s behalf, and will you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Relying on God's grace, do you promise to seek to live the Christian faith, to teach that faith to Ida, and to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?
- Do you promise to pray with and for Ida, and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

Dr. Hughes (to the congregation): We read in scripture that we also have responsibilities to those who are newly baptized in Christ. In fulfillment of these responsibilities, I will ask that you, the members of this congregation, on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, make certain promises to Ida. Will you promise to:

- Tell her the good news of the gospel,
- Help her to learn all that Christ commands,

- Love and pray for her, and
- Strengthen her family's ties with the household of God?

If you will agree to make all of these promises to Ida, please respond by saying ‘**we will.**’

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Armesto

Dr. Hughes: Let us pray: Holy God, our Creator and Redeemer, through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things. In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, he set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opened to us the way of life eternal. Thus, Lord, by your Spirit, through these waters of baptism, may this child be joined to her faithful Savior and to all your people, so that she may live in your steadfast love all her days, until in the fullness of time you make all things new.

Ida Rae, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

Elder Armesto: Let us pray: Holy God, we give you thanks for Ida's life. We pray that you will guide her in your ways and grant her a life of faith. We pray for your servants, Samantha and Andrew, to whom you have entrusted this child. Surround this family in your love so that one day Ida may confirm the vows made here today and live as your faithful follower. We lift these hopes to heaven in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples then and now to 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.

◇HYMN: 267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Royal Oak

◇CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Household Prayer: Morning

Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened by your goodness nudging the earth to life. I am filled with wonder. Your steadfast love extends to the sky, your constancy reaches to the clouds. How precious is your steadfast love! It shines like the dawn, and dews the desolation of my soul. Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit that I may rejoice in you as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening falls and darkness shutters the day, do not forsake us, O God. Crown the sky with jewels of light that your salvation may burnish the heavens and illumine the earth, and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

Today's liturgist is Mark Armesto.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION of the First Presbyterian Society of the Town of Buffalo will take place Sunday, February 3, 2019 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of the staff, boards, committees and organizations of the Church; to elect a church Nominating Committee, to receive the Session's budget for the year 2019; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JANUARY ADULT FORUM

Sunday, January 27
12:15—1:15 PM

in the Houghton Library

Topic: Family Promise of WNY

Speaker: Luanne Firestone, Executive Director

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Join us on **Wednesday, January 30** at 4:30 PM to serve meals to the hungry at Friends of Night People (corner of Wadsworth and Hudson). Wear First Church gear if you have it!

"TRIGGER"

Hunting, target practice, self-protection, gun collections are some of the many legal, safe and acceptable uses of guns. Murder, mass shootings, suicides, terror are some of the ways guns can be used to destroy families, inhibit freedom of movement and attack our social fabric.

How do we balance rights of gun ownership versus public safety? How do we weigh the protections of

the Second Amendment versus the public's right to safety?

Join us **Tuesday, February 5** at 7:00 to 8:30 PM for an open discussion of guns and their role in a free society. The discussion will be preceded by a brief video, "Trigger," produced by the Presbyterian Church, USA. The event is hosted by the Social Transformation Committee.

SHARING LOVE, BUILDING FRIENDSHIP

The Board of Deacons cordially invite all members and friends to a Celebration Coffee Hour on **Sunday, February 10** immediately following worship.

What are we celebrating?

- Jesus' love for each one of us
- Sharing that love with one another
- Building old and new friendships
- Building a stronger faith community
- The ministry of Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes
- New life and ministry in our church and congregation

PLEASE JOIN US!

JOYS & CONCERNS

- A young woman who needs deliverance from a bad situation
- Roch Harmon at Orchard Heights
- Pat Harmon
- Susan Cummings for less pain
- Alan McCausland
- Jeff Wichtowski
- John Burgess at HighPointe on Michigan
- Bob Kerwin
- Elaine Tinch
- Ramona Brown
- Asylum seekers at the Mexican border, especially those families who are separated.

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On February 3, you will have a chance to share in fellowship after the annual meeting and support our food pantry at the same time! The Souper Bowl of Caring raises funds and supplies for local charities and we can help restock our own food pantry by bringing canned or dry goods or monetary donations to this meal. If you aren't able to stay to share some of the delicious home cooked soups, you may still take part by donating foods or funds as you leave worship.

Join us on Sunday, February 3 in the Historical Hall
for a time of fellowship and helping to feed others!

CHANGE THE GAME

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 29 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every dollar donated goes to

The Lyon Food Pantry

our 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



tacklehunger.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 27

11:00 a.m.	Nametag Sunday
11:15 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes preaching — Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Sunday school — Classrooms
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship time — Narthex
1:00 p.m.	Adult Forum — Houghton Library
	Parking lot in use for Kleinhans event

Monday, January 28

6:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Group at Eggertsville-Snyder Library
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Tuesday, January 29

12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
7:30 p.m.	Friends of Harmony rehearsal — Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 30

10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting — Pastor's Study
12:00 p.m.	The Serendipity Shoppe open until 5 PM — Basement
4:30 p.m.	Literacy tutoring — Chapel

Thursday, January 31

12:00 p.m.	The Serendipity Shoppe open until 5 PM — Basement
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Friday, February 1

12:00 p.m.	The Serendipity Shoppe open until 6 PM — Basement
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Saturday, February 2

12:00 p.m.	The Serendipity Shoppe open until 5 PM — Basement
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Parking lot in use for Kleinhans event

Sunday, February 3

11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes preaching — Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting — Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring — Historical Hall
1:30 p.m.	Parking lot in use for Kleinhans event

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