

April 2026

North Church Chimes



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

“Maundy” being a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin), which means “command.” It was on the Thursday of Christ’s final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34)



John 13:2-17 - "Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

Additional Bible Verses for Maundy Thursday, Luke 22:14-20 and Philippians 2:1-11

Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7 pm on April 2. Holy Communion

In the event of weather-related cancellations, call church office at 716.693.7030 and listen to message left on the church office phone, if no closing information is posted by 10 am, church will be open as usual.

We also report closing to Channel 2 WGRZ

Note: Church closings are not always reported on TV often they just put it on their website.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering season Feb. 18–April 5, 2026

Causes supported: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration and refugees.

Envelopes are available in the front and rear entrance of church.



BRUNCH 10 AM
EGG HUNT 10:30



- April 2 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
- April 5 Sunday Service 11 am
 - Easter Brunch 10 am
 - Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am
- April 12 Sunday Service 11 am
 - Session
- April 17 Evening Office Hours 4pm – 9 pm
- April 18 Rummage Sale Set up 1 pm
- April 19 Sunday Service 11 am
 - Presbyterian Women
- April 25 Rummage Sale 11 am – 1 pm

“Second Friday”

WITH THE RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HISTORICAL RACISM IN OUR CITY AND TODAY’S CHALLENGES

Join us in exploring the historical development patterns and public policy decisions that continue to impact our city today. Speakers Marcus Deveso and David Johnson from Buffalo Prep will examine how past racism has influenced education, employment access, transportation, food availability, and community investment. We will also discuss the opportunities available for our anti-racism efforts. Light food will be served.



Marcus Deveso



David Johnson



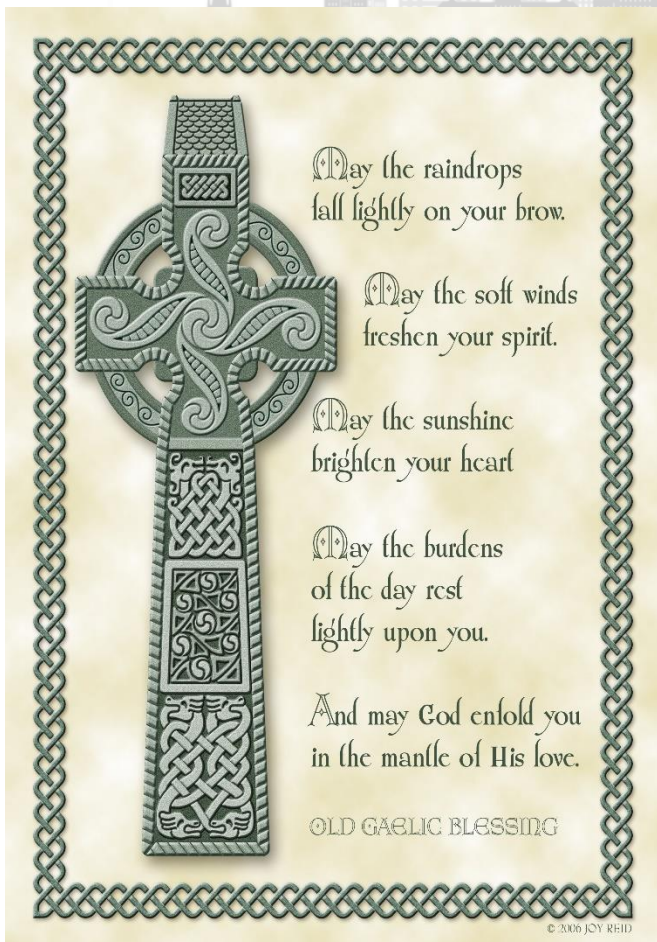
“Why is the Easter flower a lily instead of a Jesus rose?”

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10 • 6-8 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

To RSVP, contact Jamie Adamczyk at
jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437.



Memorial Recital

April 12, 2026 4:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
509 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown

To honor the memories of those sacred music lovers who have gone before us and celebrate the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

PRESENTING

Landon Gray, trumpet
Max Hagel, tenor

David Horne, organ and piano

Offering works by Gabrielli, J. S. Bach, and F. J. Haydn, as well as Bizet, Franck, Verdi, Hahn, Fauré, and Jenifer Higdon. Featuring prominently will be our 42 register (51 ranks with +3000 pipes) Schlicker Organ.

Complimentary Admission
Free Will Offering



FirstPresJamestown.com | 716.487.1984

About the Artists

Landon Gray is on the faculty at SUNY Fredonia and plays regularly with the Buffalo Philharmonic, The Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Akron Symphony. He was last heard here at First Pres playing for Bud Horne's 100th birthday celebration last June.

Max Hagel is well known to our congregation for his work at First Pres as tenor soloist, Leader of Song and running audio for Sunday worship. He is a senior at SUNY Fredonia, majoring in Sound Recording Technology. He will be heading up the Audio Team for the Amphitheater at Chautauqua this summer. David Horne has been a church musician all his life and has been an organist and choir director for over 50 years. He has served as Minister of Music at First Pres since Sept 2018.

About the Organ

Originally built by Johnson & Son of Westfield, MA in 1891, it was rebuilt in 1925 by the Moller Pipe Organ company of Hagerstown, MD. In 1959, the Schlicker Organ Company of Buffalo NY built the three-manual, neo-baroque instrument that now stands in the magnificent sanctuary designed by famed architect Ralph Cramm, using a number of pipes from both the Johnson and Moller organs. More recent work has been done by the Heritage Pipe Organ Company of Buffalo.

We are committed to nurturing and strengthening the 134-year tradition of fine organ music at First Presbyterian and to caring for and maintaining this unique instrument.

We invite those interested in learning more about our organ and supporting its ongoing maintenance to contact the church at 716.487.1984.





Heavenly Father, we lift in prayer those who are hurting and we ask for your comforting presence to surround them. May they feel your love and peace in their hearts, reminding them that they are not alone in their struggles. We pray for our North Presbyterian Family as we also lift in prayer those who need our faithful prayers ~ Judy L, Andrew, Patricia, Roger, David, Jessica, Jane, Elaine F, Michele, Terry R, Jean, Mary, Justine, Michele, Deborah T, Lindsay, Tim, Jeff, Gloria, Alex V, David P, Ginger M, Kathy C, Brenda M., Jerry C, Bev & Sam T, Bob G, Kristin L, Chrissy B, John C., Seth, Santo M., Debra D., Meredith R, Hazel and Wally F.

Office Hours

M, T, W 9-2

Office will be closed Wed, April 15 and will open on Friday, April 17 from 4 pm – 9 pm to provide time for evening sale item drop offs.

 Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara
4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, New York 14144
716 754-7376 * stellaniagararetreats.org 

EVENING
Prayer Shawl Guild
Welcome
Crocheters & Knitters
All Skill Levels
May 4th, June 8th, July 6th, August 3rd, 2026
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Knit or crochet a hug for someone in need and join a group that will be learning, sharing, and praying together as new patterns are created for a Prayer Shawl Outreach Ministry
Want to learn how to knit or crochet? Join the group to learn.
\$15.00 per session
Donated yarn/needles provided to group members when available.
Reservation Deadlines -Two Weeks Prior to Meeting Date

Bible Study
THIRD PRESBYTERRAN CHURCH
NORTH TONAWANDA
1ST WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
5PM
With Mark Aquino!

If you want weekly bulletins or chimes sent to home address, please contact the office (716) 693-7030.

If you would like to submit item to be placed in bulletin, please call or email office by Monday for submission to be added to Sunday's bulletin.

If you would like to submit information to added to Chimes, please submit to office by the 20th of the month before issue (ex. Submit by April 20th for May Chimes).

*Three Wonderful Retreats Presented by
Sr. Marcella Kiesel, OSF*

A Franciscan Sister of Penance and Christian Charity, an international congregation. Her ministries have included registered nursing, college teaching, rural and urban work directly with the poor, teaching English to immigrants, and directing retreats throughout the United States, Canada, and in Tanzania, East Africa. Sister Marcella presently resides in a hermitage on campus and is available for Spiritual Direction through the Center of Renewal.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Spiritual Transformation In Suffering



We can each experience a wide range of suffering in our daily lives: Physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, social, occupational, relationship, divorce, trauma, financial, diminishments of any kind. This special retreat day will open new possibilities about how to deal with suffering in our lives with a meaningful connection to our own spirituality.

Cost: \$65.00

Reservation Deadline - April 2, 2026

Includes retreat, lunch and the book Teilhard de Chardin Seven Stages of Suffering: A Spiritual Path for Transformation by Louis M. Savary and Patricia H. Berne

You are invited!
Join us on April 27th
from 10:00 am to 12 noon
Clarence Presbyterian Church

9675 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031

Rev. Abigail Trautmann will speak on
How to disagree without being disagreeable.
Responding with faith not anger.



Easter Flowers

Given By

Linda Soltis

Yvonne Southwell

Wally & Donna Freiert
Margaret Linkowski

Kathleen E. Matikosh
Ginger Mitchell
Sharon Silvis
Martha Luchterhand

In Memory/In Honor of

William J. Soltis
Mary Soltis
Carol & Margaret Payne
Bill & Carol Mae Prichard

Loved Ones
Jessie Allan Gray
Bob and Betty Gray
Doris Hudnut
Loved Ones
Terry Silvis
Oscar & Edna Schweinsburg

MARCH SESSION MEETING

Present: Rev William Hennessy, Moderator, Peter Somerville, Lynda Cox, Sarah Franco, Martha Luchterhand, Virginia Mitchell

Excused: Karl Wende

Quorum was met.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:09pm

The minutes of January 4, 2026 meeting were approved on the motion of

Lynda and second of Ginger

The minutes of the February 1, 2026 Congregational Meeting were accepted

Treasurer's Report none

Pastoral Nominating Committee-no new progress

Building and Grounds Approved the following on motion of Lynda and second of Ginger

Dogology to begin meeting on Tuesdays

Cub Scouts of America approved to begin meeting on Thursdays

Emily Westphal fellowship hall on May 23, 2026

Big Wheels Bike Club Open House on May 2, 2026

Worship- Approved worship to be held in August 2026 at Five Senses Park, On Ward Road,

Wheatfield on the motion of Ginger and second of Lynda

Mission-on motion of Peter and second of Lynda that our portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing collection go to the Jericho Road ministries.

Finance-potential candidates discussed. Lynda and Peter to be signatures'

On Investment accounts.

Christian Education-Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch planned for Easter Sunday

Old Business- Rummage Sale April 25, 2026 11am-1pm approved on motion

Of Lynda and second of Peter

New Business-by consensus approved Peter to promote Ride for Roswell

Motion to adjourn from Lynda and second of Ginger at 12:37pm

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

Next Meeting April 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Peter W Somerville Jr

North Church

MEMORIES



CONFIRMATION CLASS -
 June 25, 1980 Rev. Wright- Pastor
 L to R - Front Row
 Kristin Edwards Susan Whitcomb
 Kelly Knittle Marcy Dahl
 Kathleen Cruse 2nd Row Rhonda Scullen
 James Van Valkinburg Lance Thounire
 Colette Scullen 3rd Row Peter Sylveste
 Mr. Wright Michael Schulz
 Jason Van Blargan
 Robert Wittig is next to Pastor

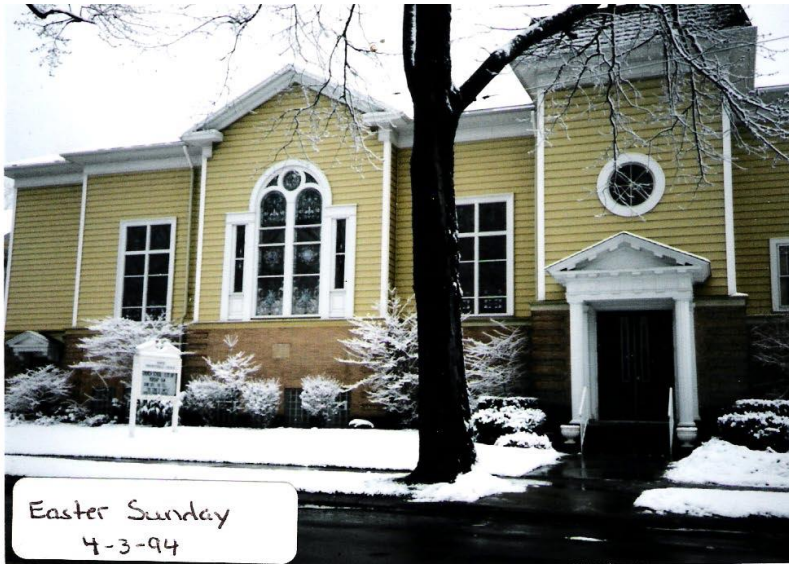
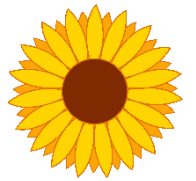
April Birthdays

As you grow another year older, may you also grow deeper in your faith and closer to God. May His wisdom guide you and His love comfort you.

*Emma Cox 1
 Leslie Michael 3
 Nancy Treichler 18
 Leighton Ciminelli 21
 Jacob Brock 23*

*Pete Somerville 14
 William Kish Jr. 24
 Charles Mye, Jr. 27
 Grant Kish 30*

*Amy Matikosh Michael 24
 James DeMatteo 3
 Devan Knittle 3
 Bev Traina 8*



Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mandalas:

Windows on Our Spiritual Journey

Where am I? God asked Adam,
"Where are you?" (Gen.3:9)

How would you answer that question? Plan now to enhance your spiritual journey by learning about how mandalas can impact your personal spirituality, along with helping to establish sacred spaces for continued insight and growth. Explore self-revelation and stories from our own sub-consciousness.

COST: \$65.00 INCLUDES RETREAT, & LUNCH
(LIMITED RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE)

Reservation Deadline - April 25, 2026



North Presbyterian Church
168 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$150.00. Our mission states: "We are dedicated to providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time." It is that mission that your generosity supports, and we assure you that your donation will be utilized in the best way possible to advance our mission throughout our community, maximizing moments for individuals and families.

Hospice care is a very unique way of caring for individuals at the end-of-life, as well as their loved ones, and it is our care team's priority to make the experience one that is centered on compassion, dignity, and comfort. Together, with your support, we can ensure we are here for you now and in the future. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Carlo Figliomeni
President & CEO

Danielle M. Burngasser, RN, BSN
Vice President of Hospice Clinical Operations

DONATIONS

We continue to collect empty bottles to help fund the Houseman Scholarship.

We also collect nonperishable food items that we deliver to the North Tonawanda Food Pantry on regular basis.

RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN?
Saturday, April 25th
11 am - 1 pm

WHERE?
North Church
168 Payne Ave
N. Tona, NY 14120
(next to City Hall)

DON'T MISS IT!

RUMMAGE SALE

You may drop off items any time for now until April 18

Leave items under stairs in basement

Office Hours
M-W 9-2

Evening Drop Off
April 17
4-9 pm

Set Up Date
April 18

March 4, 2026

North Presbyterian Church
168 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Church Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation of \$137.00 via check number 4298 for the Matthew 25 Center. Donations like yours, helps to ensure we live out the gospel message, especially serving those in need of food, drink, clothing and other basic necessities.

The Family of Parishes takes seriously the responsibility of being good stewards with your donation and all of the support you show. Be assured that your donation will be used for the desire which you have expressed in the Matthew 25 Ministry's operations.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely

Emily Ruh
Matthew 25 Coordinator

HELP NEEDED

April 17 7 pm
Rummage sale preset up
Table set up, box moving,
heavy items, etc

April 18 1 pm
Rummage sale setup

April 25 10:30 – 2 pm
Rummage sale workers &
hotdog sale (weather
permitting)