



North Church



In Focus

The Chrismon Tree

Next time you are in church, take special note of the ornaments on our Christmas tree also known as a Chrismon tree. Every aspect of the Chrismon tree has significance, from the symbols on the ornaments to the colors they draw on. Chrismon trees are typically decked in all white and gold. The white symbolizes the perfection and purity of the Lord, while gold points to His nobility and glory. The tree's white lights are a reminder to believers that He is the Light of the world and the evergreen symbolizes our own eternal life, a gift of Christ's sacrifice for us.

POPULAR CHRISMON TREE SYMBOLS

- ❖ Shepherd's Crook (Staff): It symbolizes Jesus as the Good Shepherd who guides and looks after his followers.
- ❖ IHS: This is a monogram or abbreviation for the Greek word for Jesus.
- ❖ Rainbow: This symbolizes God's promise to Noah that He would never again flood the earth, often seen as a symbol of hope and promise.
- ❖ Palm Branch: It's a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life originating in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean world.
- ❖ Nativity Scenes: These depict the birth of Jesus as described in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.
- ❖ Bread and Wine: These represent the body and blood of Christ, as introduced at the Last Supper.
- ❖ Fish: The fish, or ichthys, was a secret symbol used by early Christians to identify each other. It is an acronym for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" in Greek.



- ❖ Alpha and Omega: These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and represent Jesus as the beginning and the end.
- ❖ Chi-Rho: This is a monogram of chi (X) and rho (P) as the first two letters of the Greek word 'Khristos' for Christ, used as a Christian symbol.
- ❖ Star of David: This represents the lineage of Jesus through King David and also the Star of Bethlehem which guided the Wise Men.
- ❖ Dove: The dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Butterfly: The butterfly is often used to symbolize the Resurrection of Christ and the eternal life which is granted to all who believe in Him.
- ❖ Anchor: This ancient Christian symbol represents hope in Christ. The anchor was a hidden symbol of the cross in times of persecution.
- ❖ Lamb: The lamb symbolizes Jesus' role as the 'Lamb of God', a title for Jesus that appears in the Gospel of John.
- ❖ Crown: This symbol represents the Kingship of Christ. It can also symbolize the victory of the Christian martyrs, or the victory of Jesus over death.
- ❖ Chalice: Represents the Holy Communion or Eucharist. It is a reference to the Last Supper, the final meal that Jesus shared with his apostles.
- ❖ Shell: The shell symbolizes baptism or pilgrimage.
- ❖ Candle: The candle represents the light Jesus Christ brings to the world.
- ❖ Keys: The keys represent access to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ❖ Scroll: The scroll represents the words and teachings of the Bible.
- ❖ Ship: The ship represents the ark of Noah in the Bible.
- ❖ Angel: The angel represents the angels who deliver messages throughout the Bible.
- ❖ Trinity Knot or Triquetra: This Celtic symbol represents the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Cross: The cross is the most recognizable symbol of Christianity, representing Jesus' sacrifice for humanity's sins.



To the Congregation of North Presbyterian Church

Thank you for all the cards, donations, prayers and kind words in memory of my sweet mom, Leanna Boorum. She truly loved Sunday mornings with her North Church family. She always said "I like starting my week with church, it keeps me knowing what day it is."

*Regards
Linda Toczek and the Boorum Family*

*Thank
You*

A special "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens. We are so blessed to have such a welcoming and beautiful sanctuary to enjoy during the season of advent.

Thank you so much for remembering the homeless neighbors during your Peace & Global Witness collection.

Your generous offering helps us to help those that seem to have fallen through the cracks of life. We help with food, transportation, completing paper work for benefits, and anything else they may need to help them find their way.

May the good Lord keep your congregation safe, healthy and free from harm.

*Regards, Betsy Koch
Co-Chair for the Twin Cities Task Force for the Homeless*



The TCCO Board of Directors would like to thank you for your donation.

It is only through the support of organizations like yours that we are able to continue providing facilities for the following not-for-profit organizations: Twin Cities Meals on Wheels, the NT Food Pantry and the TCCO Clothes Closet, that serve those with needs in the Twin Cities. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Roberta Siuta

SESSION SUMMARY

At the November 13th meeting, the Session

- Met with Kristin DeGuehery, Laura Norris Buisch and members of Session from Third Presbyterian Church to discuss the possibility of sharing a pastor.
- Approved the installation by Robert Mark of wired speakers in the choir loft at a cost of \$300.
- Continued to discuss the pastor search.
- Discussed wearing nametags for the benefit of guest preachers
- Received the treasurer's report

December 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.

Noah Franco

Kathleen Matikosh

Thomas Klamut

Donna Freiert

Ryan Cox

William Kish

Max Cox

Candise Mye

Rose Mitchell

Judy Leithner

Glenn Chilson

If anyone wants weekly bulletin 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 Oct 20th for November Chimes.

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Pastoral Nominating Committee

Committee members will meet with the Committee on Ministry to provide guidance on selecting a pastor. We would like to have at least three members of the congregation as well as an elder and deacon.





Find Warmth
and Light
This Winter
at North
Church





This holiday season, please pray for your North Presbyterian Family. Lift up in prayer those who need special prayers this season including Jean W, Judy L, Andrew, Patricia, Roger, David, Jessica, Jane, Elaine F, Michele, Linda G, Terry R, Jean, Mary, Ruth, Robyn, Justine, Michele, Deborah T, Lindsay, David, Theresa, Tim, Jeff, Jim, Gloria.

Also, pray for our church members who will be without loved ones for the first time this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Would you like to add beauty and joy to our sanctuary at Christmas? Please consider purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one this season.

This year the cost is \$15.00 for pink or red flowers. The plants will be used during the holidays at North Church. Plants can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

If you wish to spread a little joy this Christmas Season, leave your plant at the church and it will be taken to a shut-in. Please indicate your willingness to share a plant when placing your order.

Poinsettias may be ordered by calling Martha Luchterhand at 716 908-2154. You may also order by placing the form below in the offering plate. Please make all checks payable to North Presbyterian Church.

Name _____

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

____ Red ____ Pink Number of Poinsettias \$_____ @ \$15.00ea

Leave for a shut-in _____ Will pick up after service _____

Please include a check with your order and make payable to North Presbyterian

[Order and pay online using Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 15
Immediately following service

Turkey dinner with all the fixings!
Visit from Santa

RSVP by Dec 1

**Rose 716-743-1278, call North
Church Office 693-7030 & leave
message or sign-up sheet in
church**



\$20 adults

\$10 for 12 and under

SANTA IS COMING TO THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Platter's Chocolate Factory

Saturday, December 7, 2024

10:00am - 2:00pm

FREE!

Bring the whole family out to Platter's Chocolate Factory and get those cherished holiday photos with Santa himself! Enjoy the festive atmosphere as you make sweet holiday memories. Our factory will be decked out in seasonal decorations, creating the perfect backdrop for unforgettable family photos. Don't miss this chance to kick off the holiday season with Santa, delicious treats, and a little chocolate magic!



Santa on the Carrousel

NOV. 30TH	DEC. 7TH	DEC. 14TH
10AM-11:30AM	10AM-11:30AM	10AM-11:30AM
12PM-1:30PM	12PM-1:30PM	12PM-1:30PM
2PM-3:30PM	2PM-3:30PM	2PM-3:30PM

Child(2-16) \$12 | Adults \$10 | Under 2 Free

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda

Invites you to our new community
programs, **FREE** and open to all

149 Broad Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Church Stretch

Exercise for Body & Soul

Mondays at 6pm

For adults of all fitness levels



God Loves Me Storytime

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

for kids & caregivers

Friday Friendzee

Fridays 6-8pm

Rotating activities, including
game nights, karaoke,
pot luck dinners, etc.





CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & MARKET

DEC. 6, 3:30PM – 6:00PM

DEC. 7, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

DEC. 8, 12:00PM – 1:00PM

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300 NATIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC | GIFTS & CRAFTS



Bible Study

THIRD PRESBYTERRAN CHURCH
NORTH TONAWANDA

1ST WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
5PM



**Wednesday, Dec 11 at 7 pm
Riviera Theatre**

**Join us for a FREE screening of
the 1946 Christmas Classic -
It's A Wonderful Life**

**Tickets are not required.
Seating will be general
admission, first come, first
served. Rated PG.**



*It's a
Wonderful
Life*

Sponsored By



SAVE THE DATE

**LUMBER CITY
WINTER WALK
DECEMBER 7TH
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

**TREE LIGHTING
GATEWAY HARBOR
NORTH TONAWANDA
DECEMBER 7TH
4:30PM**

STARRY NIGHT THEATRE, INC

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DIRECTED BY DJ SWARTZ

ADAPTED BY L. DON SWARTZ

25th Anniversary Production of the Dickens Classic

DECEMBER 5-15, 2024

The Ghostlight Theatre

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REGULAR ADMISSION- \$19

STUDENTS/SENIORS/VETS- \$17

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NORTH TONAWANDA, NY

716-743-1614

THURSDAY, 12/5, 12/12 AT 7PM

FRIDAY 12/6, 12/13 AT 8PM

SATURDAY 12/7, 12/14 AT 8PM

SUNDAY 12/8, 12/15 AT 2PM