

Order of Worship for August 17, 2025, 10:15
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Prelude

Fr. Joe Clemente

Welcome & Congregational Life

*Gathering Song

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
pass prayer cards to ushers in the aisle

see below

Call to Worship

In a world where lies surround us,
your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world full of false prophets and empty
promises,
your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world where words don’t have meaning,
your word is like fire, God nearby!

Elder Ashley Gouger
We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by
your word.
**We are here to worship the God who is
near to us!**

Prayer of Invocation

God of the ages, when we face raging fires
and imprisoning chains,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we encounter the edge of violence,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we are tempted to cynicism, despair, or
escapism
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we have to go about in disguise
because we can’t be ourselves,

Elder Ashley Gouger
give us the faith of our ancestors.
Even when we know we may not see the fruit of
our labor, even if we can’t reach the promised
land,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
We give thanks that perseverance will one day
bear fruit, that we don’t run this race alone, and
that our ancestors go with us now and always.
Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (v.1,3,4)
an offering will be received at this time, please use the QR code below as a giving option

Hymn 1

Prayer of Humility

*inspired by Kentucky farmer, poet, philosopher Wendell Berry***

Elder Ashley Gouger

Gathered before the throne of God’s infinite mercy, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings
so closely, confessing our need for grace.

**Creating God, you made the cosmos from
top to bottom to manifest yourself in
holiness and community. We confess
that we have made unholy unions “of
power and money, of power and secrecy,
of ambition and ignorance, of genius and
war”. Help to us to walk quietly away
from such twisted creations of our own**

**making, in which “self-gratification and
self-annihilation” are forged into an idol.**
**By your grace, help us to “secede into
care for one another and for the good
gifts of Heaven and Earth.”**
(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers. Amen**

*Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn 623

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-11

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Message

“Consumption or Community?”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment

“This Is My Father’s World”

Hymn 58

Blessing & Response

“Amen, Amen, Amen”

Postlude

Fr. Joe Clemente

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**quoted portions are from Wendell Berry’s poem, “The Mad Farmer, Flying the Flag of Rough Branch, Secedes from the Union”.



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Wifi access: network LiverpoolFirstPres Guest; password: godsgrace

Welcome to our guests!

- Complete a Connection Card to stay in touch with us.
- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- Restrooms located through the left-hand door at the front of the sanctuary and at the bottom of the stairs at the rear of the sanctuary.

LFPC welcomes **families with young children** to worship. Children are invited to stay with their adults in the sanctuary. Age-appropriate children’s bulletins are available from an usher. Diaper changing stations are located downstairs and in the nursery. Every Sunday the nursery is open and staffed for infants through age 6. The nursery is through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

For the safety of our worshippers and friends **all entrances are locked on Sunday once the service has begun**. For admittance, please text the phone number on the worship entrance door.

Pastor: Rev. Garrett Anderson

Treasurer: Tom Ogden

Financial Secretary: Mike Herd

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Preschool Director: Tracie Folley

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Bookkeeper: Tim Fay

Sexton: Ken Pfeffer

Choir Director: Dr. David Rudari

Christian Formation Coordinator: Ashley Gouger



Ruling Elders (in session): Tim Bricault, Lynda Fauler, Tom Ogden, Ashley Gouger, Tracie Folley, Tim Fay, Leigh Anne Herd (clerk *pro tem*), Linda Hook, Bill Newell

Deacon Board: Karen Bloom, Linda Breckheimer, Ruth Crissman, Jessica Gorman, Brittany Holt, Diana Marocco, Pierre Nzuah, Bonnie Santos, Fletcher Smith, Marianne VanHoute, Jon Woodworth, Sue Woodworth

Salt of the earth, light of the world, ministers of God’s grace: entire congregation

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with-in my breast,
 O love be-yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winchworth and others, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

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Join a Group!

Craft & Chat – 6:30pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays
 Fathers • Brothers • Sons – 6:30pm, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 Manuscript Study – 1:00pm, 1st & 4th Thursdays
 Choir – 7:00pm, Thursdays
 Elsie O'Neil Circle – 12:30pm

resumes Sept 15
 resumes Sept 16
 resumes Sept 10
 resumes Oct 2
 resumes Sept 4
 resumes Sept 11

*contact church office (office@liverpoolfirstpres.org) for more information



Please join us downstairs for coffee and conversation after worship.
 Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 pm.

New members are more than welcome, contact David at djratlpfc@gmail.com

Mission & Social Justice Committee list of suggested donations for the month of Aug:



Pudding cups Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools

Those wishing to make monetary donations to support the program can write a check to “Blessings in a Backpack” and write “**Liverpool NY Chapter 1854**” on the memo line. Checks should be sent to Blessings in a Backpack Liverpool NY Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088

Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry

Needs include ready to eat items (pop-top cans or pouches), cereal, pasta, cereal bars, bar soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, or a monetary donation made out to: “Isaiah’s Table”.

Urgent Need: Women’s deodorant, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, nail clippers



The following items are being accepted for ongoing need for families: (*most needed items)
Hygiene Items: soap, shampoo & conditioner, children’s toothbrushes, toothpaste*, anti-perspirant/deodorant*, feminine pads*, shaving cream

Cleaning/Paper products: All-purpose cleaner*, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, tall kitchen trash bags, laundry detergent (no pods), sponges, ideally with scrubby side

Any questions, contact the church office (315) 457-3161 or office@liverpoolfirstpres.org
Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during office hours and on Sunday before worship services.

Planning Ahead August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 10:15 <i>Worship</i>	18 6:30 <i>CNY Photo</i> <i>Rev. Anderson’s sabbatical through 12/14</i>	19	20 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	21 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	22	23
24 10:15 <i>Worship</i>	25 Newsletter articles due	26	27 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	28 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	29	30