

Order of Worship for December 28, 2025, 10:15
1st Sunday of Christmas

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Marshall McDonald and Steven Sharp Nelson

Reese Edwards, piano

Troy Edwards, cello

*Gathering Song

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymn 132

Bonnie Grace Edwards, mandolin

Emily Edwards, piano

pass prayer cards to ushers in the aisle

Call to Worship

Elder Tom Ogden

We gather to worship the Word made flesh, who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.

Jesus the Christ was a refugee.

We remember the children, from the time of Christ to today, caught in the cross-fires of fear and hate.

The One we follow was a victim of violence.

We gather to dream and build a better world where all children grow up, all exiles return home.

The God we worship joins the suffering of the world.

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Tom Ogden

Loving God, Jesus shared our flesh and blood, and we share closeness with you.

We thank you for making us your children, a divine chosen family. Make visible to us the ties that bind us to each other, to all creatures, and to you. Move

us to guard each other's well-being and to treat each other's struggles as our own, that we may live into the loving kinship already ours through Jesus our brother, woven together by his Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

“The First Noel”

arr. Cindy Blevins

Troy Edwards, cello, Bonnie Grace Edwards, mandolin

Emily Edwards, piano,

Gabriella Edwards, violin

Prayer of Humility

Elder Tom Ogden

Even in a season of celebration and joy, there is grief and pain. Even as we celebrate God's goodness we know that we have not always lived it. Even in all of this, Christ comes.

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress. In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others, in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry, you are with us,

comforting us and holding us to account. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen

Words of Assurance

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*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.

Anthem

“Silent Night”

Emily, Gabriella & Reese Edwards

Scripture

Matthew 2:13–23

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When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Message

“Predictable Behavior”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymn 138
Emily Edwards, piano

Blessing & Response

“Amen, Amen, Amen”

Postlude

Edwards Family

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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
Organist/Pianist: Steve Uhl
Preschool Director: Tracie Folley

Admin Assistant: Lisa Bricault
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, 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



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



**PASTA
LA
VISTA
2026**



Join us to say

“Pasta La Vista, 2025”

With a spaghetti and meatball luncheon.
Celebrate the new year with lunch,
fellowship and BINGO!
January 4th after worship

-Fellowship Committee

Mission & Social Justice Committee list of suggested donations for January:

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|  <p>BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK <i>Who will feed the kids this weekend?</i></p> | <p>Single serve oatmeal packets Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools</p> <p>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. Send checks to Blessings in a Backpack Liverpool NY Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088</p> |
| <p>Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry</p> | <p>Needs include ready to eat items (pop-top cans or pouches), cereal, pasta, cereal bars, bar soap, deodorant, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, nail clippers or a monetary donation made out to: “Isaiah’s Table”.</p> |
|  | <p>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</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

**Planning Ahead
December 2025/ January 2026**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 10:15 <i>Worship</i> | 29 Newsletter articles due | 30 | 31 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> | Jan 1 Office Closed | 2 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i> | 3 |
| 4 10:15 <i>Worship</i> 11:30 <i>New Year Luncheon</i> | 5 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i> 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i> | 6 6:30 <i>Fathers/Brothers /Sons</i> | 7 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> | 8 12:30 <i>Elsie O’Neil</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> | 9 | 10 9:00 <i>CNY Knitting Guild</i> |
| 11 10:15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i> 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> | 12 Session/ Deacons meetings | 13 | 14 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> | 15 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> | 16 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i> | 17 10:00 <i>Northern Comfort</i> |