

Order of Worship for February 22, 2026, 10:15

1st Sunday in Lent

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.

Elder Linda Hook

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

Prayer of Invocation

God of holiness and truth, many voices claim to know what is right and good and clamor for our attention. We pray that you will silence in us any voice but yours until we are compelled to act with justice, to speak with clarity, kindness,

Elder Linda Hook and honesty, and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus Christ. Keep his example always before us and stir us out of complacency, making us like children again as we worship with astonished joy. Amen.

*Hymn

“Guide My Feet While I Run This Race”

see below

ushers will gather prayer cards and offerings, please use the QR code below as a giving option

Prayer of Humility

When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away. Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison. God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God.

Elder Linda Hook

Merciful One we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and

salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

(pause for silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers. Amen

Words of Assurance

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hymn 614

***Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.***

Anthem

“Reflections from Micah”
Joseph Martin

Choir

Time for Young Disciples

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

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not

eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, a knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Message

“When Was I Less by Dying?”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

see below

Blessing & Response

“guide my feet while I journey on...”

Postlude

Steve Uhl



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

Guide My Feet

The Church of Christ in Every Age 623

1. Guide
2. Hold
3. Stand
4. Run

my
my
by
your

feet
hand
me
child

while I run this race,

Guide my feet,
Hold my hand,
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child.

Text: Negro Spiritual
Tune: GUIDE MY FEET, 888 10; Negro Spiritual; harm. by Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1931-1987, © Estate of Wendell Whalum

A musical score for a three-part choir. The top part is in soprano C-clef, the middle part in alto F-clef, and the bottom part in bass G-clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The lyrics are as follows:
1 The church of Christ in every age, be set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - stion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and never live un - til they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
MUSIC: William Knapp (1968-1978)
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WAREHAM
L.M.

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.

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

Join a Group!

Craft & Chat – 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Mondays

Fathers • Brothers • Sons – 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Tuesday

Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Manuscript Study – 1:15pm

1st & 4th Thursdays

Choir – 7:00pm

Thursdays

Elsie O'Neil Circle – 12:30pm

2nd Thursday

*contact church office ([office @liverpoolfirstpres.org](mailto:office@liverpoolfirstpres.org)) for more information



Breakfast at Isaiah's Table

March 14



Our church is providing breakfast for attendees of Isaiah's Table on December 13th. We are looking for donations of bananas, muffins and 12 oz juice bottles. A sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the church sanctuary. We ask that donations be brought in between March 8 and March 13 and left in the church office or kitchen. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen Fay at fintay@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support!

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – FEBRUARY

 <p>Fruit Cups (any brand & variety) 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. Checks should be sent to Blessings in a Backpack Liverpool NY Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088</p>	<p>Isaiah's Table Little Pantry</p> <p><u>Needs include:</u> 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><u>Baby Items:</u> Diapers (all sizes needed, esp. size 6) Baby wipes</p>
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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 Sundays before worship service

Planning Ahead February/March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 10:15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i>	23 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	24	25 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	26 1:30 <i>Manuscript</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	27	28 10:00 <i>Northern Comfort</i>
March 1 Communion 10:15 <i>Worship</i>	2 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i> 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i>	3 6:30 <i>Fathers/ Brothers/ Sons</i>	4 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	5 1:30 <i>Manuscript</i> 5:00 <i>Preschool Art Show</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	6 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i>	7
8 10:15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i> 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i>	9 <i>Session/ Deacons meetings</i>	10	11 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	12 12:30 <i>Elsie O'Neill</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	13	14 9:00 <i>Isaiah's Table</i> 9:00 <i>CNY Knitting Guild</i>