

Order of Worship for March 1, 2026, 10:15
2nd Sunday in Lent
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

We are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning no matter where we have gathered.
Those at home may join us in celebrating with the bread and juice available to you.

Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

Elder Bill Newell

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Bill Newell

All-powerful and eternal God, we thank you for light, for golden sunlight, silver moonlight, the stars that map our skies, a crackling fire on which to cook, and the shining faces of those around us. Help us

to meet you in the darkness, that, without the need for sight, we may learn you are as close to us as our own breath; skin and bones, knit in our very being, in this moment and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

“God Who Dwells in Light and Darkness”

see below

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

Prayer of Humility

Elder Bill Newell

Our help does truly come from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions. Knowing that, we turn to God for help, trusting in unending grace.

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to

trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Response

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

Hymn 614

Anthem

“O Lamb of God”
Mark Patterson

Choir

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

John 3:1-21

[When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.]

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Message

“Reconsidering the Snake”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn

“In the Singing”

see below

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We serve non-alcoholic grape juice; gluten free crackers are available

Blessing & Response

"Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

Hymn 609

Postlude

Steve Uhl



GOD, WHO DWELLS IN LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Chris Shelton
BEACH SPRING
The Sacred Harp, 1844

1. God, who dwells in light and dark-ness, God, who
2. Christ, who shines in light that daz-zles, Christ, whose
3. God of loft-y and of low-ly, God of

guides through fire and cloud, God, who speaks through
skin is dark and brown, Christ, who guides us
might and God of day, God of doubt-er

law and proph-et, God, whose voice is hushed and
to the sun-nit, Christ, who leads us safe-ly
and dis-ci-ple, God who guides us all the

loud—you have led us to the moun-tain, there to
down—you have known the heights of heav-en, yet you
way—in this world of clouds and shad-ows, grant us

see be-yond our sight; now you lead us to the
dwell a-mong us here; Christ of moun-tain and of
mo-ments of clear sight; in this world of lies and

val-leys—through the shad-ows with your light.
man-ger, set us free from pride and fear.
ha-tred, let your truth and love shine bright.

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In the Singing

1 In the sing-ing, in the sil-ence, in the hands ex-
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment

at this ta-ble— Je-sus Christ, Je-sus Christ, be the wine of
grace: Je-sus Christ, Je-sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Refrain

Words: Shirley Erema Murray, 1931—
Music: Carlton R. Young, 1926—
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New Zealand U.S.A.
8.8.8.8 (L.M.) and refrain
BREAD OF PEACE

Introduction

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of hosts,
 Heav - en and earth are full are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Introduction

When we eat this Bread and drink this
 Cup we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un til you come a - gain.



Use your mobile phone camera with this QR (quick response) code to open the secure website eservicepayments.com to give an on-going or one-time donation to LFPC. Or go to our website at: www.liverpoolfirstpres.org/give.

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

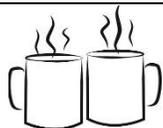
Admin Assistant: Lisa Bricault
Bookkeeper: Tim Fay
Sexton: Ken Pfeffer
Choir Director: Dr. David Rudari
Christian Formation Coordinator: Ashley Gouger



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



One Great Hour of Sharing

Take your fish bank today and start collecting your change! Link to more information:
<https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>

*fish banks will be collected on March 29th



Breakfast at Isaiah's Table March 14



Our church is providing breakfast for attendees of Isaiah's Table on March 14th. 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 fimtay@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Join the Deacons
For some trivia fun and snacks!
March 15, 2026 after worship!

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – March 2026

 <p>Oatmeal (individual packets) Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools</p> <p>Monetary donations 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 align="center">Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry</p> <p align="center">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 align="center"><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
March 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1 Communion 10:15 Worship	2 6:00 Family Tapestry 6:30 Craft & Chat	3 6:30 Fathers/Brothers/ Sons	4 7:00 Al-Anon	5 1:30 Manuscript 7:00 Choir 7:00 Al-Anon	6 6:00 Family Tapestry	7
8 10:15 Worship Youth Faith classes 11:30 Birthday Sunday	9 Session/ Deacons meetings	10	11 6:30 BFF 7:00 Al-Anon	12 12:30 Elsie O’Neill 5:00 FIF Art Show 7:00 Choir 7:00 Al-Anon	13	14 9:00 CNY Knitting Guild
15 10:15 Worship 11:30 Trivia game	16 6:30 Craft & Chat 6:30 CNY Photo	17 6:30 Fathers/Brothers /Sons	18 7:00 Al-Anon	19 7:00 Choir 7:00 Al-Anon	20 6:00 Family Tapestry	21 10:00 Northern Comfort

**The Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery's
Social Justice Committee**
invites you to a viewing of

“Where Olive Trees Weep”

a film that depicts the struggles and resilience
of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation

When: Sunday, March 22,
4:00 p.m. Film

6:00 p.m. Light supper with Q&A

Where: Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
603 Tulip Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

*To help us determine how much food to prepare, LFPC asks that your church send an estimate of how many will be attending from your church by March 16th. to **Lisa Bricault at LFPC (315) 457-3161***

