

**Order of Worship for March 15, 2026, 10:15**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Liverpool First Presbyterian Church*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

*from Ephesians 5:8–14*

Elder Ashley Gouger

We are children of light,  
**rejoicing in everything good and right and true.**

**In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.**

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Ashley Gouger

God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth. In the gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us intention and

tenderness, so that we may witness to your work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope. Amen.

\*Hymn

“Gather Us In”

see below

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

Prayer of Humility

Elder Ashley Gouger

How do we know when our actions are right? When the fruits of our labors are good and true. Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment. Therefore, let us hold up our sins to Christ’s gaze.

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your workings. Forgive us when we**

**doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.**

*(pause for silent prayer)*

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

Response

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

Hymn 614

Words of Assurance

Rev. Garrett Anderson

Anthem

“Just Beyond the Manger”  
Joseph M. 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

John 9:1-41

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Message

“Eyes Open”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

\*Hymn of Commitment

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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Blessing & Response

“Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace”

Hymn 609

Postlude

Steve Uhl

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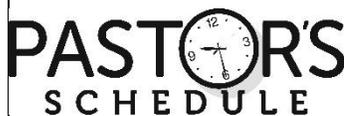
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**Welcome to our guests!**

- 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 Garrett is available in-person at the church Mon, Tue and Wed 9:30 – 12:30 or by appointment.

**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

**Join a Group!**

Craft & Chat – 6:30pm  
 Fathers • Brothers • Sons – 6:30pm  
 Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm  
 Manuscript Study – 1:15pm  
 Choir – 7:00pm  
 Elsie O'Neil Circle – 12:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
 Thursdays  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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

**Here in This Place**  
 Gather Us In  
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we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

1 Here in this place the new light is stream - ing; now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young; our lives are a mys - tery; We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing; not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through - out all of his - tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

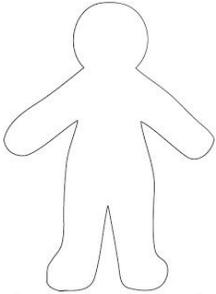
Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;  
 bread that is your; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



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

### Paper Doll Campaign



Across the country, ICE is ripping children away from their communities and detaining them alongside their parents. In March of 2025, the administration reopened the South Texas Family Residential Center (also known as "Killey") in rural Dilley, TX. This is the center where 5-year-old Liam Ramos was detained after ICE agents took him and his father from their home in Minnesota 1,200 miles away. Conditions in Dilley are horrific. Families lack access to clean drinking water, nutritious food, and basic medical care, all posing serious health risks. Children's chronic medical conditions, acute illnesses, and injuries are being overlooked or ignored. Studies have consistently shown that placing children in detention, under any conditions, is traumatic and creates long-lasting harm, such as developmental delays, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal thoughts.

The LFPC Mission and Social Justice committee has joined churches in our presbytery in a national Paper Doll Campaign to address these inhumane conditions for children and families. During the Fellowship Hour, paper dolls will be available for you to write a message on of your hope for children in our country, your desire for family detainment to end, or the future you would like to see for children in our country, your desire for family detainment to end, or the future you would like to see for children. The paper dolls will be collected on **March 22** and sent to our congressional representative.



### Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast March 29th after worship

Egg hunt for children 13 yrs old and younger  
Suggested donation: \$5 per person will support Isaiah's Table

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee and the Deacons

### MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – March 2026



#### Oatmeal (individual packets) Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools

Monetary donations, write check to "Blessings in a Backpack" and write "Liverpool NY Chapter 1854" on the memo line. Send to Blessings in a Backpack Liverpool NY Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088

#### Isaiah's Table Little Pantry

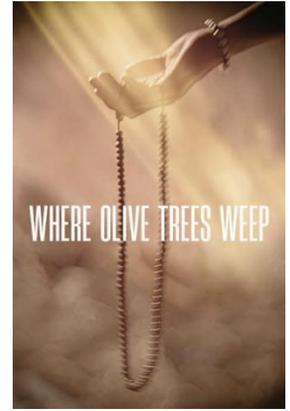
Ready to eat items  
(pop-top cans or pouches  
Cereal, Pasta, Cereal bars,  
Bar soap, Deodorant,  
Hand sanitizer, Feminine hygiene  
products, nail clippers, or a  
monetary donation made out to:  
**Isaiah's Table**



Baby Items:  
Diapers (all sizes needed,  
esp. size 6)  
Baby wipes

Any questions, contact the church office (315) 457-3161 or [office@liverpoolfirstpres.org](mailto:office@liverpoolfirstpres.org)  
Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during office hours and on Sundays before worship service

**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 prepare accordingly, please RSVP to **Lisa at LFPC (315) 457-3161 by March 16<sup>th</sup>***

**Planning Ahead  
March 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15</b> <b>10:15</b> <i>Worship</i> <b>11:30</b> <i>Trivia</i>	<b>16</b> <b>6:30</b> <i>Craft &amp; Chat</i> <b>6:30</b> <i>CNY Photo</i>	<b>17</b> <b>6:30</b> <i>Fathers/Brothers/ Sons</i>	<b>18</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Women's Group</i>	<b>19</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Choir</i>	<b>20</b> <b>6:00</b> <i>Family Tapestry</i>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00</b> <i>Northern Comfort</i>
<b>22</b> <b>10:15</b> <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i> <b>4:00</b> <i>Where Olive Trees Weep film &amp; dinner</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30</b> <i>BFF</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>	<b>26</b> <b>1:30</b> <i>Manuscript</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Choir</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

**It's time to Order Spring Flowers**



**Order Spring Flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter,** place  
this form in the offering plate along with the payment.



The cost is **\$15.00 per plant** Orders must be placed by **3/29**

Please don't take your flowers home until after the Easter service on **4/5**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total ordered: Lilly \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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