

Order of Worship for March 22, 2026, 10:15
5th Sunday in Lent
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

Elder Linda Hook

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.
We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.
God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Linda Hook

Living God, we come to you today in humility and need. We pray for life for our wounded souls, for our ailing communities, for our troubled nation, and for our hurting world. Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in

courage and love. Let your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live again as your people, holy and whole, singing praises and serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

see below

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

Prayer of Humility

Elder Linda Hook

Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus’ power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future. Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord.

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem

our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths— however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.

(pause for silent prayer)

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

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
 3 O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you ever there:
 your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of em - p - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new,
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies,
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874
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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
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Organist/Pianist: Steve Uhl
Preschool Director: Tracie Folley

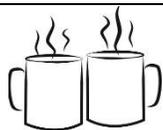
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Ruling Elders (in session): Tim Bricault, Lynda Fauler, Tom Ogden, Ashley Gouger, Tracie Folley, Tim Fay, Leigh Anne Herd (*clerk*), Linda Hook, Bill Newell

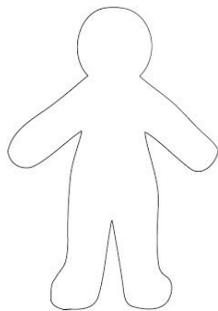
Deacon Board: Karen Bloom, Linda Breckheimer, Ruth Crissman, Jessica Gorman, Brittany Holt, Diana Marocco, Pierre Nzuah, Bonnie Santos, Fletcher Smith, Marianne VanHoute, Jon Woodworth, Sue Woodworth

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

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

<p>Oatmeal (individual packets) Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools Monetary donations, write a 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</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
22 10:15 Worship Youth Faith classes	23 Newsletter articles due	24	25 6:30 BFF 7:00 Al-Anon	26 1:30 Manuscript 7:00 Choir 7:00 Al-Anon	27	28
Palm Sunday 29 10:15 Worship 11:30 Pancake Breakfast	30 6:30 Craft & Chat	31	April 1 7:00 Al-Anon	Maundy Thursday 2 7:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Service	Good Friday 3 7:00 Service	4

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:

In Honor of:
