

Order of Worship for April 12, 2026, 10:15
2nd Sunday of Easter
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

Elder Ashley Gouger

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. **We are filled with, for we know we are children of God.**

We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as his body, we have received salvation.
In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Ashley Gouger

Holy God, we sing your praises. You have brought us new life and freed us for love. Shake us free of anything that inhibits us from living fully as your new creation. Help us to live into your resurrection in

relationships mended, wounds healed, communities restored, and wrongs made right, that we might reach for your hand and to witness together, "My Lord and my God!" Amen.

*Hymn

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

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

God shows us the path of life, offering companionship along the way. Therefore we trust in God, knowing that we can admit the ways we struggle to stay on that path.

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at

our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.

(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

Anthem "Joy Comes in the Morning" 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 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 35-41 (NRSV)

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

...
But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

Message "Reconsidering Our Resurrection" Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" see below

Blessing & Response ***Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia Give praise to his name!***

Postlude Steve Uhl

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WE WALK BY FAITH

Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

DUNLAP'S CREEK
Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816
Arr. David Lasky

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
3. Help then, O Lord, un-be-liev'-ly;
4. That, when our life of our faith is done,

no gra-cious words we hear
nor fol-low where he trod;
and may our faith clear a-bound
in realms of light

from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but in his prom-ise we re-joice,
to call on you when you are near,
we may be-hold you as you are,

but we be-lieve him near:
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
and seek where you are found.
with full and less sigh.

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1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev-ery sil-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise; but-ter-flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness bring-ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty;

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
in our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,

un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see,
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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.

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

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

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

1st & 3rd Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
1st & 4th Thursdays
Thursdays
2nd Thursday

*contact church office (office@liverpoolfirstpres.org) for more information



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



Starting April 12th, Garrett and Ashley will be offering a 4-week study called "A Hidden Wholeness." In a world often marked by division, fear, and uncertainty, this series invites you into a journey of rediscovery—a journey toward a deeper connection with God, yourself, and others. Through the wisdom and reflections of Parker Palmer, these four sessions explore themes of hospitality, grace, and hope as pathways to wholeness in our lives and communities. Each week we will watch a short video together and discuss. You do not need to be able to attend all four and there will be no homework given! We hope you can join us!



Spring is Coming – Plants are Sprouting

**Friends in Faith Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, May 2nd 9-2 pm**

**Liverpool First Presbyterian
603 Tulip St. Liverpool**



Plan to brighten your porch, deck, or sunroom with locally raised plants from Baldwinsville. Large baskets and bedding plants will be available. We will receive a percentage of the sales, enabling us to provide quality equipment and special supplies for Friends in Faith. Thank you in advance for supporting us while you beautify your outdoor space.

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – April 2026

 <p>Fruit cups (any brand or variety) 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>Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry</p> <p>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>Baby Items: 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
April 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 10:15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i> 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 11:45 <i>Adult Class</i>	13 Session/ Deacons meetings	14	15 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	16 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	17	18 10:00 <i>Northern Comfort</i>
19 10:15 <i>WE Worship</i> 11:45 <i>Adult Class</i>	20 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i> 6:30 <i>CNY Photo</i>	21 6:30 <i>Fathers/Brothers/ Sons</i>	22 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	23 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	24 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i>	25