

**Order of Worship for April 26, 2026, 10:15**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Liverpool First Presbyterian Church*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

*from Psalm 23*

Elder Ashley Gouger

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

**The Lord is our shepherd; we want for nothing.**

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy,

we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

God our Shepherd, you are our safe place, our shelter, our ground, our breath. We turn to you in hope and trust, knowing we have come this far by faith, and you will guide us all the way. Mold our daily patterns for your

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purposes so that we may live as one heart and mind with you and our neighbors, rejoicing together and praising your holy name, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

see below

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

Prayer of Humility

Christ is the good shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace no matter what we have done. Christ’s voice calls us to repent and return; let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

**God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting**

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**them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.**

*(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

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

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 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the

voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Message

“Let’s Meet at the Gate”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

\*Hymn

“I Come with Joy”

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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# MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

RESIGNATION

Words by  
Brian Wren

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; The  
 2. When I walk through the shades of my death, Your  
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

1. Lord God is his name. In pas - tures  
 2. pres - ence is my stay: O word of  
 3. tend me all my days: O may your

1. green he makes me feed, Be - side the liv - ing  
 2. your sup - port - ing breath Drives all my fears a -  
 3. house be my a - bode, And all my work be

1. stream. He brings my wan - d'ring  
 2. way. Your hand, in sight of  
 3. praise! There would I find a

1. spir - it back, When I for - sake his ways:  
 2. all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread;  
 3. set - tied rest, While oth - ers go and come,

1. And leads me for his mer - cy's  
 2. My cup with a bless - ings o - ver -  
 3. No more a stran - ger nor a

1. sake, In paths of truth and grace.  
 2. flows, Your oil a - noints my head.  
 3. guest; But like a child at home.

Text: 86/86 D; based on Psalm 23; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: William Walker's The Southern Harmony, 1835.

# I Come With Joy

Music by  
Austin Cole Lovelace

VERSE

F B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup>/F F Dim C $\sharp$ us Cm

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved and free, the  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are fed, the  
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends. The  
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er near, is  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has done we'll

5 B $\flat$  Am/C Am F/A Gm Am F/A

life of Je - sus to re - call, in love laid down for  
 new com - mun - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion  
 love that made us, makes us one, and stran - gers now are  
 in such friend - ship to bet - ter known, a - mong a - mong us  
 go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us

8 B $\flat$  B $\flat$ ma $\flat$ ? C $\sharp$  Cm $\flat$  F

me, bread, in in love laid down for me.  
 friends, friends, and in Christ's corn - mun - ion bread,  
 here, here, a - and the love that makes friends,  
 one, one, the love that makes us are here.

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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:** 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



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



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



## Adult Class

April 12 – May 3, 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!

**Honoring our Sacred Gifts:  
Conversations with  
Robin Wall Kimmerer**

**May 2, 2026 9:00 AM  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Liverpool**



*Honoring Our Sacred Gifts* is a day of gathering, reflection, and relationship-building that invites people of faith and people of goodwill to come together around a shared commitment: tending the world we have been given and working for justice that sustains all life.

Drawing inspiration from **Robin Wall Kimmerer's** *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *The Serviceberry*, this event centers gratitude, reciprocity, and responsibility as spiritual and ethical practices. We will explore how environmental care is inseparable from

social and economic justice – how the health of our land, water, and communities is deeply connected to the dignity and flourishing of all living beings.

For more information and to register: [honoringoursacredgifts.org](http://honoringoursacredgifts.org)



**Spring is Coming – Plants are Sprouting**

**Friends in Faith Annual Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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><b>Fruit cups (any brand or variety)</b> <b>Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools</b></p> <p>Monetary donations to “Blessings in a Backpack” and write “<b>Liverpool NY Chapter 1854</b>” 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><b>Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry</b></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: <b>Isaiah’s Table</b></p>	 <p><b>Baby Items:</b> 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](mailto:office@liverpoolfirstpres.org)  
Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during office hours and on Sundays before worship service

**Planning Ahead  
April/May 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>10:15</b> <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith</i> <i>classes</i> <b>11:45</b> <i>Adult Class</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Due</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>	<b>30</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Choir</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>May 1</b> <b>6:00</b> <i>Family</i> <i>Tapestry</i>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00-2:00</b> <i>FIF Plant Sale</i>
<b>Communion 3</b> <b>10:15</b> <i>Worship</i> <b>11:45</b> <i>Adult Class</i>	<b>4</b> <b>6:00</b> <i>Family</i> <i>Tapestry</i> <b>6:30</b> <i>Craft &amp; Chat</i>	<b>5</b> <b>6:30</b> <i>Fathers/Brothers/ Sons</i>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>	<b>7</b> <b>1:30</b> <i>Manuscript</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Choir</i> <b>7:00</b> <i>Al-Anon</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00</b> <i>CNY Knitting</i> <i>Guild</i>

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held **today**,  
immediately following worship.  
Below are nominations presented by the Nominating Committee:

<b>Elder</b> <b>Class of 2029 (3-year term)</b>
Tracie Folley (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Pierre Nzuah
Liz Wavle-Brown
<b>Deacon</b> <b>Class of 2029 (3-year term)</b>
Jon Woodworth (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Fletcher Smith (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Debbie Cangemi
Carol Jerosé
<b>Nominating Committee 2027</b>
Ashley Gouger
Michael Herd

**Committee members:**

Tim Fay, Leigh Anne Herd, Pierre Nzuah, Karen Fay, Rob Santos, and ex-officio Garrett Anderson