

Order of Worship for May 17, 2026, 10:15

7th Sunday of Easter

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful!
Sing to God; sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

Elder Leigh Anne Herd
Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

Prayer of Invocation

God of seekers and dreamers, speak to us now as we wait for your promised word. Protect your people, we pray. The road ahead may be long, but fill us with determination and courage. Teach us to

Elder Leigh Anne Herd
be your body with faith and love, that we might serve one another as companions on the way, through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

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

Prayer of Humility

In the prophet Isaiah, God says “I form the light, and create darkness: I make weal and woe, create peace and calamity.” God is sovereign over all the happenings and waits for our response of trust or fear.

God, forgive us when our trust in you is dependent on whether we are enjoying our life at the moment. When life turns difficult and challenging we often fail to remember your goodness and kindness which hold us. Enlarge

our hearts so that we can know how strength comes through weakness, life through death, and faith through doubt.

(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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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 3:13-17

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“No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Message

“Reconsidering the Snake”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross” (v. 1,3,4,5)

Hymn 304

Blessing & Response

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

Postlude

Steve Uhl



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'S SCHEDULE

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 (*temp 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



Do you feel intimidated by the Bible? Do you find yourself going to the same parts over and over? How do all those different parts fit together? I will be teaching a four-part series on Getting the Big Picture of the Bible. We will identify the major themes, put various events and writings in a timeline, connect the New Testament writings to the First Testament, and talk about how we read different kinds of writings. And we will try to answer YOUR questions.

Dates: **May 17, 24, 31, and June 7.** All the classes are Sunday 11:45 to 1 pm

If you are interested, please email Pastor Garrett (revgarrettanderson@gmail.com) or contact the church office to help in planning.

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – May 2026



Pudding cups (any brand/variety)
Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools

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

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
 Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during office hours and on Sundays before worship service

DID YOU KNOW OUR CHURCH HAS AN ONLINE DIRECTORY???

The church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to have your church families phone numbers, emails, birthdays, anniversaries and even a photo. Not only can you access it online but there is even an app to download to carry this information with you.

To view the directory online, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com and follow the prompts under "create login now". Remember to write down the password you use! **You must confirm the email sent to you before you can sign in.**



To download the app, go to your app store and search for "Instant Church Directory" **You must confirm the email sent to you before you can sign in.**

You will need to use your email address as listed in the directory to create a log-in for the first time you use the online directory and the mobile app. If you're not listed in the directory, or if you are having trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

If your picture is missing, you can send one to the church office or see a deacon or Lisa Bricault to have one taken.

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
- resumes in the fall
- Thursdays
- 2nd Thursday

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

**Planning Ahead
May 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>17 9:00 <i>Mission meeting</i> 10:15 <i>Worship</i> <i>Youth Faith classes</i> 11:45 <i>Adult Class</i></p>	<p>18 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i> 6:30 <i>CNY Photo</i></p>	<p>19 6:30 <i>Fathers/Brothers/Sons</i></p>	<p>20 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i></p>	<p>21 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 10:15 <i>Worship</i> 11:45 <i>Adult Class</i></p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>27 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i></p>	<p>28 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>