

Order of Worship for July 26, 2026, 10:15
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude

“Sarabanda”

Tina Buzak
Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

Elder Ashley Gouger

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the
Lord!

**Give praise, O servants of the Lord,
you that stand in the house of the
Lord, in the courts of the house of
our God!**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good:

**Sing to the Lord’s name, for the
Lord is gracious!**

Prayer of Invocation

Elder Ashley Gouger

**Bless us, O God, with a reverent
sense of your presence, that we
may be at peace and may worship
you with all our mind and spirit;**

**through Jesus Crist our Lord.
Amen**

*Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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

Prayer of Humility

Elder Ashley Gouger

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you
called us to be a servant people,
but we do not do what you
command. We are often silent
when we should speak, and useless
when we could be useful. Have
mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and**

**free us from sin; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

(pause for silent prayer)

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

Words of Assurance

Elder Lynn Jacques

Hear the Good News! He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might
be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven.

*Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn 623

Special Music

“Benedictus
From *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*

Tina Buzak

Time for Young Disciples

“He Knows Your Name”

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

Mathew 11:25-30

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Message

“Come to Me”

Elder Lynn Jacques

*Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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Blessing & Response

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

Steve Uhl

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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. Our “playground”, in the back corner, is full of items to help children to attend worship with quiet play and art. 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 & 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, Tim Fay, Tracie Folley, Leigh Anne Herd (*clerk*), Linda Hook, Bill Newell, Pierre Nzuah, Tom Ogden, Liz Wavle-Brown

Deacon Board: Karen Bloom, Linda Breckheimer, Debbie Cangemi, Ruth Crissman, Carol Jerose, Jessica Gorman, Brittany Holt, 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



Jazz for a Cause The New Line Jazz Band July 26, 2026 4-5 PM



Fundraiser for Blessings in a Backpack

Admission will be any \$ amount or accepted food items to help fill backpacks.

Skippy's Ice Cream will offer treats in the parking lot post-performance.

\$5.00 per item (cash only) tickets bought at the door

Proceeds benefit the Liverpool Chapter 1854 of Blessings in a Backpack

Join the Deacons for our annual church picnic

August 8, 2026

3 – 6 p.m.

Clay Park Henryclay Pavillion

Please use entrance from Henry Clay blvd!

Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided by the deacons.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary



MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – July/August 2026

 Join the Summer Challenge to feed Liverpool Elementary School children for the upcoming school year!!	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	 <u>Baby Items:</u> Diapers (all sizes needed, esp. size 6) Baby wipes
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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 July/Aug 2026

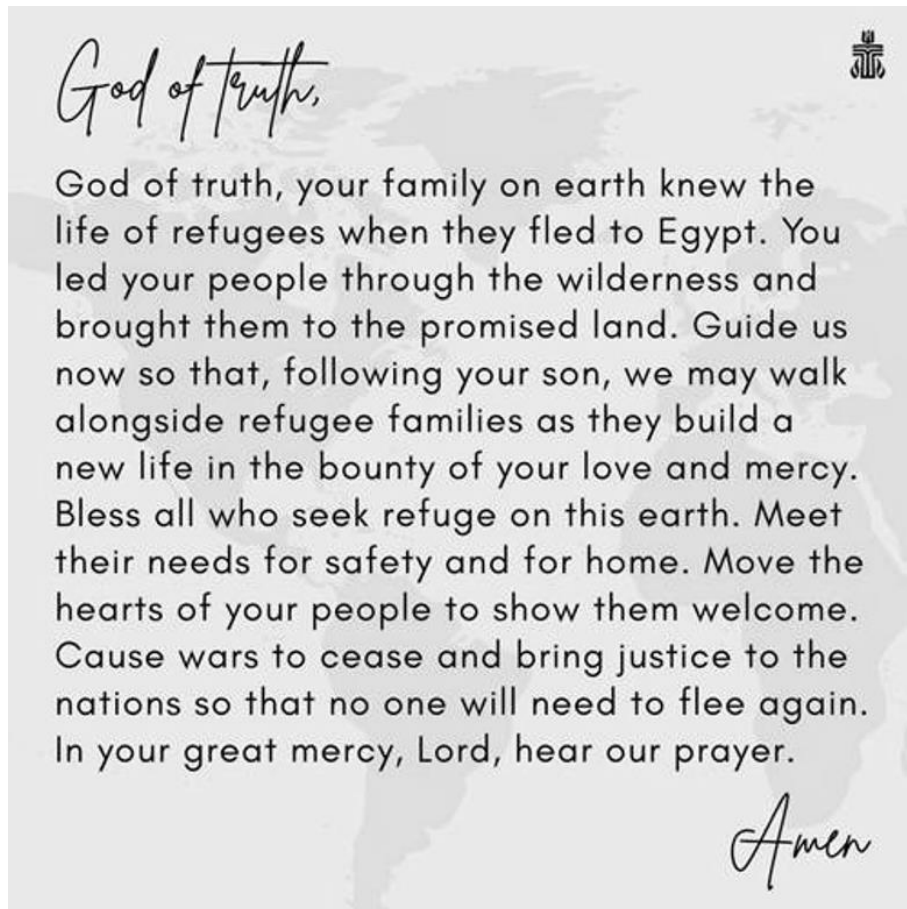
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:15 <i>Worship</i> 4:00 <i>Jazz Concert</i>	27	28 6:30-8:00 <i>Enneagram teaser</i>	29 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	30 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	31	Aug 1
Communion 2 10:15 <i>Worship</i>	3 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i> 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i> Session meeting	4	5 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	6 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	7 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i>	8 3:00-6:00 <i>LFPC Annual Picnic</i>
9 10:15 <i>Worship</i> 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 11:45 <i>Missions meeting</i>	10	11	12 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	13 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	14	15

The Joint Social Justice Committee of Susquehanna Valley and Cayuga-Syracuse Presbyteries is asking all churches in our presbyteries to set aside part of the worship service this Sunday, July 26, to address through prayer the significant increase of ICE activity in our communities and brutal treatment of ICE detainees.

We hope the following is helpful for your worship bulletin, weekly email notes to church members and friends, church Facebook and August newsletter. We offer a variety of resources in the hope that one or more of the following will be useful now and in the future. (see August newsletter for links)

Grace and Peace,

Bruce Gillette & Monica Styron, Co-Moderators of the Joint Social Justice Committee of Susquehanna Valley and Cayuga-Syracuse Presbyteries



The PCUSA's *Book of Common Worship* (2018) includes this creed:

THE IMMIGRANTS CREED

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he

suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers.

I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity. I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Biblical References to Immigrants and Refugees by the United Church of Christ is a helpful list:
https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration_worship_biblical-references-to/

Beyond Prayer: Volunteers are needed to help immigrants in many ways:

Befriend them and

- 1) Be informed on issues related to immigrants; read "[Guide to Migration Worldwide and in the United States](#)" by Presbyterian Migration Accompaniment Ministries (see August newsletter for link)
- 2) Contact Congress to encourage just immigration policies.
- 3) Encourage lawyers to be trained in immigration law and volunteer their services (there is a desperate need for lawyers)
- 4) Participate in protests
- 5) Write letters to the editor in newspapers in support of immigrants
- 6) Host a speaker on immigrants for your church and community.
- 7) Provide food for immigrants who are fearful to leave their homes*
- 8) Be foster parents for immigrant children who are US citizens whose parents have been detained or deported. *
- 9) Pray daily for immigrants, their families, and everyone seeking to help them.

* For some of this special volunteer work, a referral from your pastor, special training, and background checks are needed.