

Order of Worship for August 9, 2026, 10:15
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude "Be Still" Bill Newell & Jason Gouger
a candle is lit reminding of us that Christ is present

Call to Worship	<i>from Psalm 85</i>	Elder Bill Newell
Let us listen to how God the Lord promises to his people.		Love and faithfulness meet together and kiss each other.
Surely his salvation is near and brings glory to this place.		May faithfulness spring up from us, while righteousness looks down from heaven.

Prayer of Invocation	Elder Bill Newell
Prince of peace, you calm the raging seas and speak in silent stillness. Bring us peace that only you can provide and restore the joy of our salvation, that we	might find the wisdom to recognize you in unexpected places and the courage to follow, for your name's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "O Lord, You Sent your Friends Out"
tune: "The Church's One Foundation"
ushers will gather prayer cards and offerings, please use the QR code below as a giving option

Prayer of Humility Elder Bill Newell
We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better, to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly. Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small	voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. <i>(pause for silent prayer)</i> Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.
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Words of Assurance Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn 623

Anthem

“I Believe”

Karen Bloom, Coleen Clapper,
Ruth Crissman, Betsy Payer,
Bonnie Santos

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

Matthew 14:22–33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23** After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, **24** and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

28 Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. **33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Message

“Reconsidering the Boat”

Rev. Garrett Anderson

*Hymn

“When We Face an Unknown Future”

tune: Beach Spring

Blessing & Response

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

Steve Uhl

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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. 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 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, Tim Fay, Tracie Folley, Leigh Anne Herd (*clerk*), Linda Hook, Bill Newell, Pierre Nzuh, 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

Join a Group!

Fathers • Brothers • Sons (Early Risers) – 8:00am
Craft & Chat – 6:30pm
Fathers • Brothers • Sons – 6:30pm
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm
Manuscript Study – 1:15pm
Elsie O’Neil Circle – 12:30pm
Choir – 7:00pm

2nd Sunday – **starts Sept 13**
1st & 3rd Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays – resumes in the fall
2nd & 4th Wednesdays – **resumes Sept 9**
1st & 4th Thursdays – resumes in the fall
2nd Thursday – **resumes Sept 10**
Thursdays – **resumes Sept 3**

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



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



FROM DAVID and STEVE...

Choir Rehearsals will begin
on Thursday, 3, September
at 7.30 in the Choir Room

Our first Sunday is the 13th
Returning Members
Former Members
New Members
Are Welcome

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – August 2026

 Join the Summer Challenge to feed Liverpool Elementary School children for the upcoming school year!! (ends Sept 13)	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 August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:15 <i>Worship</i> 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 11:45 <i>Mission meeting</i>	10	11	12 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	13 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	14	15
16 10:15 <i>Worship</i>	17 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i> 6:30 <i>CNY Photo</i>	18	19 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	20 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	21 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i>	22