



LIVERPOOL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
603 TULIP STREET
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088
315.457.3161



ORDER OF WORSHIP
12th Sunday After Pentecost
16 August 2026

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God is constantly entering new territory and breaking boundaries. God is in the unsettling business of meeting outsiders and granting them not just a crumb, but a place at the table.

Carla Works

Professor of New Testament

Wesley Theological Seminary

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Leigh Anne Herd

a candle is lit reminding of us that Christ is present

*Gathering Song: We Gather Together #561

Call to Worship (Responsively) **Elder Linda Hook**

It is truly wonderful when the people of God live together in peace.

***It is like the dew from the mountains, falling on Zion,
where the Lord has promised to bless his people with life
forevermore.***

Let us worship God.

Invocation (Unison)

Elder Linda Hook

***We are here, once again, O Lord, to lift our voices in prayer
and praise, to give you thanks and ask for your presence with us
here and now and in the days ahead. Guide us so that we may be
faithful in all we do. Amen.***

*Hymn of Praise: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #92

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

Call to Confession

Elder Linda Hook

If we had to make our way all alone, it would not take long for us to want to give up. It is obvious, when we are honest with ourselves, that we lack the resources, the insight, and the wisdom to untangle the messes we often find ourselves in. The good news is that God is a lot more ready to hear our cries for help and provide what we need than we are to ask.

With that in mind, let us ask for God's forgiveness and guidance so we can be renewed. Let us pray ...

Prayer of Humility (Unison)

Elder Linda Hook

Loving God, there have been so many times when we have done things where we thought we were doing right, only to find we had missed the mark. Things just got sideways, and we felt totally out of control. What we wanted to happen never did. Just the opposite happened. In moments of despair, we called to you, often as a last resort. And somehow, you made our wrongdoing work out in ways we could never have imagined.

We thank you for all those times when you have led us and when you helped us regain our balance, when you led us from those dark places into the light. Forgive us, once again, and lead us to the higher ground of righteousness and new life.

... Silent, Personal Prayer ...

Assurance of Pardon

*Response:

Doxology

#624

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures, here below
Praise him above, you heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Scripture

Elder Linda Hook

Torah: Genesis 45.1-15

Contemporary English Version

Joseph could no longer control his feelings in front of his servants; He sent them out of the room. When he was alone with his brothers, he told them, "I am Joseph." Then he cried so loudly that the Egyptians heard him and told about it in the king's palace.

Joseph asked his brothers if his father was still alive, but they were too frightened to answer. Joseph told them to come closer to him, and when they did, he said:

Yes, I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. God is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives.

There has already been a famine for two years, and for five more years no one will plow fields or harvest grain. But God sent me on ahead of you to keep your families alive and to save you in this wonderful way. After all, you weren't really the ones who sent me here—it was God. He made me the highest official in the king's court and placed me over all Egypt.

Now hurry back and tell my father that his son Joseph says, “God has made me ruler of Egypt. Come here as quickly as you can. You will live near me in the region of Goshen with your children and grandchildren, as well as with your sheep, goats, cattle, and everything else you own. I will take care of you there during the next five years of famine. But if you don't come, you and your family and your animals will starve to death.”

All of you, including my brother Benjamin, can tell by what I have said that I really am Joseph. Tell my father about my great power here in Egypt and about everything you have seen. Hurry and bring him here.

A time with young disciples

Special Music “Isn’t He”

Leigh Anne Herd

John Wimber, arr. Mark Hayes

Isn't He Beautiful?
Beautiful? Isn't He?
Prince of Peace, Son of God
Isn't He? Isn't He.

Isn't He Wonderful?
Wonderful? Isn't He?
Counselor, Almighty God
Isn't He? Isn't He.

Morning Lesson

Gospel: Matthew 15.10-28

The Message

Jesus took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, “Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil spirit.”

Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, “Now she’s bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She’s driving us crazy.” Jesus refused, telling them, “I’ve got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel.”

Then the woman came back to Jesus, dropped to her knees, and begged. “Master, help me.” He said, “It’s not right to take bread out of children’s mouths and throw it to the lap dogs.”

She was quick: “You’re right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master’s table.”

Jesus gave in. “Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!” Right then her daughter became well.

Sermon: Persistence Dr. Cupp

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Dr. Cupp

Our Father in Heaven, your name is Holy. Your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us what we need for today and forgive us our sins in the same way we forgive others.

Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment: Help Us Accept Each Other next page

Blessing

*Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude Margaret Gouger

Please stand if you are able.

And feel free to sit when you can no longer do so comfortably



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

Help Us Accept Each Other

Fred Kaan, 1975

BARONITA 7A,7,6 D

Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

LIFE IN CHRIST

We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spit - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

$\text{♩} = 66-72$

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

Pastor: Rev. Garrett Anderson	Admin Assistant: Lisa Bricault
Treasurer: Tom Ogden	Bookkeeper: Tim Fay
Financial Secretary: Mike Herd	Sexton: Ken Pfeffer
Organist/Pianist: Steve Uhl	Choir Director: Dr. David Rudari
Preschool Director: Tracie Folley	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

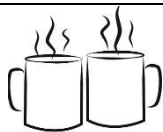
Deacon Board: Karen Bloom, Linda Breckheimer, Debbie Cangemi, Ruth Crissman, Carol Jerosé, Jessica Gorman, Brittany Holt, Bonnie Santos, Fletcher Smith, Marianne VanHoute, Jon Woodworth, Sue Woodworth

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	2 nd Sunday – starts Sept 13
Craft & Chat – 6:30pm	1 st & 3 rd Mondays
Fathers • Brothers • Sons – 6:30pm	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays – resumes in the fall
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays – resumes Sept 9
Manuscript Study – 1:15pm	1 st & 4 th Thursdays – resumes in the fall
Elsie O’Neil Circle – 12:30pm	2 nd Thursday – resumes Sept 10
Choir – 7:00pm	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	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

Planning Ahead August/September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 10:15 Worship 12:00 Fellowship meeting	17 6:30 Craft & Chat 6:30 CNY Photo	18	19 7:00 Al-Anon	20 7:00 Al-Anon	21 6:00 Family Tapestry	22
23 10:15 Worship	24 Newsletter articles due	25	26 7:00 Al-Anon	27 7:00 Al-Anon	28	29
30 10:15 Worship	31	Sept 1	2 7:00 Al-Anon	3 7:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Choir starts	4 6:00 Family Tapestry	5