

Order of Worship for September 27, 2026, 10:15
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life
Ordination of Carol Jerosé and Jon Woodworth

Prelude

a candle is lit reminding of us that Christ is present

Steve Uhl

Call to Worship

We bow with the falling rocks.

God is our strength and our salvation.

We sing with the roaring rivers.

God is our justice and our joy.

Elder Tom Ogden

We will never stop telling God's story.

God is the hope of all generations.

With all that we have and all that we are,
we say:

God is so good!

Prayer of Invocation

Spirit of mercy, we come to your
fountain of forgiveness to begin again.

You offer a fresh drink, a new life.

Though we are often critical of others
and of ourselves, help us to accept that

Elder Tom Ogden

we are accepted. Meet us here in ways
that we can understand, that we may be
filled with the life only you can offer.
Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

see below

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

Prayer of Humility

**God, hold tight to us in your mercy
and grace. Held in the safe
strength of your hands we confess
that we hold tight to old grudges
and hurts. Help us to release them
so that we might be able to hold
what gives us life. We are also
held in chains by the wrongs we**

Elder Tom Ogden

**have experienced and those we've
committed. Help us to seek
forgiveness for ourselves and
others. Amen.**

(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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Choir

Thomas Dorsey/Schraeder

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

Matthew 18:21-35

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21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed

him a hundred denarii; a and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message

"Unforgiveness"

Rev. Garrett Anderson

series: Plugging the Soul's Slow Leaks

*Hymn

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

tune: I'll Fly Away

Blessing & Response

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

Steve Uhl

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of
Jon and Sue Woodworth's 40th anniversary



Please join us downstairs for coffee and conversation after worship.
Sign-up sheet to bring snacks is in Fellowship Hall.

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Forgive Our Sins



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
2. How can your par - don reach and bless The
3. In blaz - ing light your Cross re - veals The
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, How great our debt to you!
bonds of love, Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond Herklots, 1905-1987, © Oxford University Press
Tune: DETROIT, CM; Supplement to *Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. by Gerald H. Knight, 1908-1979



Use your mobile phone camera with this QR 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. 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 Thur 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

Join a Group!

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

2nd Sunday
 1st & 3rd Mondays
 Tuesdays (except 10/13)
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 1st & 4th Thursdays – **resumes Oct 1**
 2nd Thursday
 3rd Thursdays
 Thursdays

*contact church office ([office @liverpoolfirstpres.org](mailto:office@liverpoolfirstpres.org)) for more information



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS - October 4, 2026

This offering on World Communion Sunday October 4th is one of the special offerings that play an important role in bringing the church together to focus on faith-based actions and concerns. Enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing injustice in our community and around the world. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking in our community. Since 1940, World Communion Sunday has been a celebration of our oneness bringing churches together in Christian unity.

Mission & Social Justice Committee list of suggested donations for September 2026:



Pudding cups or Mac N Cheese microwave cups **Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools**

Monetary donations to support the program can write a check 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**

Needs include ready to eat items (pop-top cans or pouches), cereal, pasta, cereal bars, bar soap, deodorant, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, nail clippers, or monetary donation made out to: “**Isaiah's Table**”.

InterFaith Works

Feminie Hygiene Items

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 Sunday before worship services.



Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
October 16 & 17, 2026
9:00 – 3:00 pm

Donation Drop Off:

Tues, Oct 13 – Thur Oct 15

9:15 am – 1:00 pm

Tue, Wed & Thur 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Accepted Items:

- Men's, Women's, Children's and Infant clothing
- Kitchen Items
- Christmas Items
- Wall Hangings
- Dishware

NOT Accepted Items:

- Electronics
- Shoes
- Books

There will also be a **BAKE SALE** during the rummage sale
 Watch for signup sheets to help bake



Held by the Elsie O'Neill Women's Association with proceeds to benefit area missions

Help Needed - Cleanup after rummage sale

Help with cleanup after rummage sale on Saturday at 2:45 pm will be needed. Anyone with trucks willing to bring remaining items to donation location would be appreciated. Please contact Coleen Clapper.

Planning Ahead
September/October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:15 Worship Youth Faith classes 12:00 Missions meeting	28 Newsletter articles due	29 6:30 <i>Enneagram</i>	30 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	Oct 1 1:30 <i>Manuscript</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i>	2 6:00 <i>Family Tapestry</i>	3
Communion 4 10:15 Worship	5 6:00 <i>Family</i> <i>Tapestry</i> 6:30 <i>Craft & Chat</i>	6 6:30 <i>Enneagram</i>	7 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	8 12:30 <i>Elsie O'Neill</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i>	9	10 9:00 <i>CNY Knitting</i> <i>Guild</i>
11 10:15 Worship Youth Faith classes 11:30 <i>Birthday Sunday</i>	12 Deacons meeting Office Closed	13 Session meeting	14 6:30 <i>BFF</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i>	15 1:30 <i>Book Club</i> 7:00 <i>Choir</i> 7:00 <i>Al-Anon</i> Office Closed	16 9:00-3:00 <i>Rummage Sale</i> Office Closed	17 9:00-3:00 <i>Rummage</i> <i>Sale</i>