Order of Worship for November 29, 2026, 10:15
1st Sunday of Advent
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Welcome & Congregational Life

Prelude — Steve Uhl

a candle is lit reminding us that Christ is present

Call to Worship — Elder Liz Wavle-Brown

Have you seen it…the Spark of Hope which God is placing among us?
All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores, darkness and fear.
Look again…the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.
We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.
A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Light.
May God bring that light to us today! Amen.

Time for Young Disciples — Advent wreath — Elder Leigh Anne Herd

Prayer of Invocation — Elder Liz Wavle-Brown

*Hymn of Praise — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" — Hymn #404

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

Prayer of Humility — Elder Liz Wavle-Brown

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now this day… *(pause for silent prayer)***…We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Assurance — Pastor Mark McDaniel

Though the darkness seems so deep, let us not fear. God is with us when we turn our lives to him. Let us hold onto the knowledge that God loves us always. Amen

*Response	"Glory Be to the Father"	Hymn 623
Anthem	"Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song"	Choir
*Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Hymn 122
Scripture	Psalm 130 Luke 1: 67-79	page 614 page 1014
Message	"Called by God to hope"	Pastor Mark McDaniel

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In his death, the justice of God is established; forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the day of his resurrection, the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him; death was defeated; new life had come. God's purpose for the world was sealed. Our risen Lord gives us hope for two ages. In the age to come, Christ is the judge, rejecting unrighteousness and blessing the new creation. In this age, the Holy Spirit is with us, calling nations to follow God's path, uniting people through Christ in love. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We pray to you in Jesus' name and offer you the prayer he first taught his disciples…

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.

*Doxology	Hymn #624

Prayer of Dedication

God of hope and peace, you have blessed us in so many ways. Today we return blessings and thankfulness to you. Bless these gifts and all gathered here that we may be bearers of hope to your world. Amen

*Hymn	"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"	Hymn #52
Blessing & Response	"Lord Let Us Now Depart in Peace"	Hymn # 609
Postlude		Steve Uhl

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Mark McDaniel Biography

I grew up in King Ferry, NY, in the manse of the Presbyterian Church, as my father was the minister of the King Ferry Presbyterian Church until I graduated from high school. I attended Muskingum College in southern Ohio, with majors in psychology and speech communications. After graduation, I moved to Rochester, where I worked in a group home in Perinton, followed by a year as a teachers' assistant at the Rochester School for the Deaf. My work at the Rochester School for the Deaf nudged me into graduate school at NTID and RIT, in conjunction with the University of Rochester.

After graduating with a MSED in Deaf Education and English, I worked four years as an itinerant teacher of the hearing impaired in the Syracuse School District, followed by one year as an English teacher and five years as a math teacher, at the Rochester School for the Deaf. In 1999, in search of something new, I transferred to the Palmyra-Macedon School District where I worked as a high school math and speech communications teacher.

When I started contemplating "what I wanted to be when I grew up," also known as retirement, it was suggested to me by my minister at Perinton Presbyterian that I might want to consider being a Commissioned Pastor. After much prayer and thought, I felt this was where God was leading me and I enrolled in the leadership program at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester. Three years of study and a year of internships later, I followed my father, grandfather, great uncle, uncle and oldest brother into what my middle brother calls the family business, as a Presbyterian pastor. I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciate the opportunity that I had to be the pastor at Christ Clarion Presbyterian church in Pittsford Ny for six years.

I have enjoyed a number of sports and activities over the years but recently caught the pickleball bug and enjoy playing at the Northwest YMCA and at Lysander Park. I also enjoy trivia, dancing, golf, the occasional soccer game with my thirty-one-year-old son and reading over the phone to my twenty-nine-year-old son who works as a computer programmer in Lexington Kentucky. I look forward to worshipping with you all today.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark McDaniel

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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 “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: Rev. Garrett Anderson
Treasurer: Tom Ogden
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Bookkeeper: Tim Fay
Sexton: Ken Pfeffer
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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

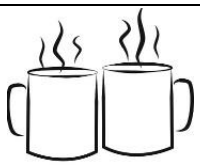
Deacon Board: Karen Bloom, Linda Breckheimer, Debbie Cangemi, Ruth Crissman, Carol Jerose, Jessica Gorman, Brittany Holt, Bonnie Santos, Fletcher Smith, Marianne VanHoute, Jon Woodworth, Sue Woodworth

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	2nd Sunday
Craft & Chat – 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Mondays
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30pm	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Manuscript Study – 1:15pm	1st & 4th Thursdays
Elsie O'Neil Circle – 12:30pm	2nd Thursday
Book Club – 1:30pm	3rd Thursdays
Choir – 7:00pm	Thursdays

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



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

Silent Night
An Advent Reading Gathering
December 1 at 6:30 pm
Church Library

Bring a book or choose one from the shelves.
Enjoy silent reading, followed by light refreshments and conversation.

Liverpool Community Chorus Fall Concert presents:
THE SEASON OF LOVE

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music at the Liverpool Community Chorus Fall Concert on Saturday, **December 5, 2026**, at **2:00 PM** at the Liverpool High School Auditorium.

Admission is $15 for adults (ages 18 and older), $10 for students (ages 11–17), and free for children under 10.

Come enjoy the gift of music and support our local community chorus!
Coleen Clapper, Betsy Payer & Bonnie Santos



Join the Deacons for Hanging of the Greens

December 6, 2026
3p.m. - 6p.m.

There will be crafts, cookie decorating, decorating the sanctuary, and missions work. Followed by dinner and christmas carols! **Everyone** is welcome!



Blue Christmas
A service of Hope for the Holidays

December 17, 2026
7 PM

A Blue Christmas service offers a quiet, contemplative space centered on Scripture, simple carols, and the light of Christ during a season that can feel heavy. If you are grieving, hurting, feeling lonely, or simply seeking a reflective worship space amidst the holiday noise, you are warmly invited to join us.

MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH – December 2026

LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK *Who will feed the kids this weekend?* **Fruit & Grain bars (NO NOUTS)** **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**	**LFPC Little Church By The Bench** Ready to eat items (pop-top cans or pouches, Cereal, Pasta, Cereal bars, Bar soap, Hand sanitizer, The Message bibles
InterFaith Works	Monetary donations can be sent to: 1010 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203	

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

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Planning Ahead
November/December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 **10:15** *Worship* **12:00** *Fellowship meeting*	**30**	**Dec 1** **6:30** *Silent Night reading*	**2** **7:00** *Al-Anon*	**3** **1:30** *Manuscript* **7:00** *Al-Anon* **7:00** *Choir*	**4** **6:00** *Family Tapestry*	**5**
Communion **6** **10:15** *Worship* **3-6** *Hanging of the Greens*	**7** **6:00** *Family Tapestry* **6:30** *Craft & Chat*	**8**	**9** **6:30** *BFF* **7:00** *Al-Anon*	**10** **12:30** *Elsie O'Neill* **7:00** *Al-Anon* **7:00** *Choir*	**11**	**12** **10:00/11:15** *Gingerbread Nativity*



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$12.00 Available in red only

Please include your payment with the tear off.
You may place this tear-off in the offering plate.
*Please wait to take your poinsettia home until **after** the Family Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve,*

Orders are due by Dec 13th

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