



First Pres. Press

FROM THE PASTOR

MUSINGS:

The Crowning Day of November is Thanksgiving. Its origins are in Plymouth Colony in 1621, when surviving colonists gathered together to give thanks for having survived an unusually harsh winter and the rigors of a strange new world. Their survival had been aided by a local tribe of Wampanoag people, who taught them basic survival skills that ultimately made the difference between life and death. On the day of their gathering, the people of Plymouth were joined by those same people, and the party is reported to have lasted for three days. The aftermath was peace that lasted for fifty years.

There are claims that Plymouth was not the first such celebration. The Virginia colony also claims to be the first, two years earlier. And the Spanish, in Florida, also celebrated their survival in 1565. The common thread is that the indigenous people of the area were instrumental in their survival AND the resulting celebration!

Years later, George Washington proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving, the first Thanksgiving proclamation of the US Government, in which he called for a day of gratitude marking the end of the war and the ratification of the Constitution. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared a National Thanksgiving Day in the United States, to be held on the last Thursday of each November. And the celebration has continued since then. The day has changed, back and forth, over the years, until it was set as the 4th Thursday in November by an act of Congress at the direction of President Roosevelt.

During that time, the celebration has spread around the world to various countries, some at the instigation of people of the United States who have come, stayed, and left their mark. Canada, for example, recently celebrated their Thanksgiving in October. In addition, Australia, Brazil, Germany, Liberia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and St. Lucia all celebrate their own version of Thanksgiving.

As I write this, several thoughts have come to mind. Our ancestors did not discover this land; they colonized a land that was occupied by people who had been here for thousands of years and established a thriving culture. Those people welcomed newcomers, showed them how to survive, and attempted to live peacefully side-by-side. What a profound example for us today as we face newcomers.

Thanksgiving is a natural response, shared by people everywhere, in gratitude for surviving events of all sorts, or simply for having survived and thrived. As it is, we teach our children to say "thank you" whenever they receive a gift of any sort. And so, our Thanksgiving celebrations are both well taken and considerably more than mounds of food and football.

And finally, though certainly not exhaustively, it seems to me that for thanksgiving to be real, it must be more than simply words. What does our gratitude cause us to do? If our thanksgiving is to be real, it must be more than words. And it needs to be more than a one-and-done. It needs to become a way of life.

As we gather 'round our tables this year, perhaps we can not only give thanks but give thought to the many ways we have been blessed and how we can become a blessing to our world, so torn by strife and uncertainty.

Happy Thanksgiving – from our house to yours.

Pastor Scott

If you need to talk:

Contact Lisa at the office to arrange a meeting with me by either calling (315) 457-3161 or email office@liverpoolfirstpres.org.

On those evenings when the Session meets (2nd Monday), I expect to be in the Pastor's office from about 500 p.m. until 15 minutes before the meeting. The door will be open, feel free to drop in and talk.

Pastor Scott

WORSHIP**September Worship Schedule**

November 2, 2025	Rev. Scott Cupp
November 9, 2025	Rev. Scott Cupp
November 16, 2025	WE Sunday with Elder Ashley Gouger & Elder Bill Newell
November 23, 2025	Elder Leigh Anne Herd
November 30, 2025	Rev. Scott Cupp

Church Officers**The Session**

Rev. Scott Cupp – *Moderator*
Tim Bricault – *Fellowship*
Tim Fay – *Buildings and Grounds, Bookkeeper*
Lynda Fauler – *Stewardship and Finance*
Tracie Folley – *Mission, Director of FIFCPS*
Ashley Gouger – *Faith Formation Coordinator*
Leigh Anne Herd – *Clerk of Session pro tem, Worship, Prayer Ministry*
Linda Hook – *Personnel*
Bill Newell – *Christian Education, liaison with Presbytery*
Tom Ogden – *Treasurer, Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship*

Board of Deacons

Brittany Holt – *Moderator & Fellowship*
Linda Breckheimer – *Birthday Cards*
Karen Bloom – *Kitchen Ministry & Birthday Cards*
Ruth Crissman – *Missions & Fellowship*
Jessica Gorman – *Missions & Communion/Worship*
Diana Marocco – *Shut ins & Home Communion*
Pierre Nzuah – *Fellowship*
Bonnie Santos – *Communion/Worship*
Fletcher Smith – *Treasurer, Missions & Fellowship*
Marianne VanHoute – *Communion/Worship & Fellowship*
Sue Woodworth – *Fellowship & Note Taker*
John Woodworth –

**Faith Class Reminder:**

October faith classes for elementary students will be on November 9th and 23rd. Younger students will meet with Pierre and Jason during worship and older students will meet with Bill and Rich during fellowship hour.



WE SUNDAY

LFPC had a WE Sunday on October 19th focused on Hope. We made Christmas ornaments for the sanctuary that focused on what gives each of us hope. Our next WE Sunday will be on November 16th focused on **Love**. We would “love” to have you join us!



CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



STEWARDSHIP

Reminder to return your 2026 pledge card no later than **November 23, 2025**, “**Celebration Sunday**”. Your pledge supports Gods work in the world as well as staff payroll, maintenance of the church, world and global mission.



November 9, 2025

11:30 pm

Make your favorite soup to share
Bread and desserts will be provided by the Deacons

HELP WANTED

Backup Dancers Needed



Not really but now that I have your attention – we **do** need people who would be able to fill in for our Sunday worship service nursery caregivers once in a while.

- Who:** Maybe you?
- What:** Nursery caregiver to fill in
- When:** Sunday 10-11:30 AM (occasionally)
- Why:**
 - It is part of our ministry to offer nursery care to allow parents to worship without distraction
 - Our nursery care staff sometimes has car trouble, is ill, or has the need for a day off for personal reasons
- How:** Contact Linda Hook, Chair of Personnel
- Note:** All personnel who work with children in the church must undergo a background check which is obtained through the church office

**If you want to dance, that would be okay.
I'm sure the children would love it!**



A Time for Giving

Our congregation is always generous and seeking ways to give. During this coming Advent season, the Mission Committee has provided two missions for us to share our blessings with. All gifts are asked to be brought in by December 7 to be organized during the Hanging of the Greens.

The Giving Tree - fill the tree in the Fellowship Hall with hats, scarves and mittens to go to the Samaritan Center.



Interfaith Baskets - fill our five baskets with items needed for the New Americans that came in last January and for those in the Center for Aging or create your own basket! All items may not reflect a religious theme, image or writing. See items needed below:

- \$25 Gift cards (Walmart, Tops, VISA)
- Hygiene products
- Non-perishable food items (Kosher/Halal Friendly)
- Blankets
- Board games/card games/crosswords/puzzles
- Toys (balls, dolls, stuffies, legos, etc.)
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Rummage & Bake Sale Gratitude

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the entire congregation for your wonderful support of this year's Rummage and Bake Sale! Your generous donations—and the thoughtful way you kept everything organized —made it so much smoother for all of us working at the sale.

We're also deeply grateful to the members of the Elsie O'Neil Circle for their many hours of preparation, and to our church's Administrative Professional, Lisa, for all the copying, advertising, and behind-the-scenes help that made this event possible.

Many thanks to Brittany Holt for refurbishing our traditional Rummage Sale placard sign. It looks great & reflects our proud church.

A special thank-you goes to those who came in after the Sale to help with the breakdown and transport of remaining items to the Thrifty Shopper on Oswego Road. Your helping hands and cheerful spirits were a true blessing.

Because of your generosity and teamwork, this event not only supports our church's ministries, but also extends care to our wider community in meaningful ways.

Thank you all for being such a vital part of this outreach!

With gratitude,

**On behalf of the Elsie O'Neil Circle,
Coleen Clapper, Chair**



LFPC Bake-off 2025
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!
place: Jessica Gorman
place: Leigh Anne Herd
place: Louise Pelotte



1st
2nd
3rd

FRIENDS IN FAITH PRESCHOOL NEWS



CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER
Support the **Friends in Faith Preschool**
while decorating your front door for the holiday season.

Place your order for beautiful, fresh, local
standard size door wreaths with red bows.

Each wreath is \$27.00

25% of the proceeds will go towards supporting the preschool.

Order by November 19th with payment mailed to:
Friends in Faith 603 Tulip St Liverpool, NY 13088
or dropped off at Liverpool First Presbyterian Church.
If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Folley at (315) 457-4090
*make checks out to: **Friends in Faith Preschool**

Wreaths will be available for pick-up after November 24th
at LFPC during office hours (Mon-Fri 9-1pm) or Sunday Nov 30



Thank you for your support!

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS



Prayer requests for the prayer chain?
Contact Leigh Anne Herd at laherd02@gmail.com or 315-727-0178

Upcoming Events:

Nov 23, 2025 Celebration Sunday Luncheon
Dec 7, 2025 Hanging of the Greens



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLERK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LFPC SESSION MEETING

10/13/2025

- Local businesses often use our parking lot for customer overflow. Tom Ogden spoke with owners and asked that during winter, for staff to park only after the plowing has been completed.
- Elders Bill Newell and Linda Hook are forming an Ad Hoc task force to strategize outreach via our website and social media.
- Approval was given for Buildings and Ground chair, Elder Tim Fay, to purchase a new copier and five year warranty plan for the office. Funds had been planned for the ancient copier over a year ago.
- Thank yous were signed and sent to Mrs. Julie Calhoun Bryant for her gift of the Kimball Petit Grand piano and also a \$50 gift card from Barnes and Noble was sent to Nick Smith in his donation of time in determining with Steve Uhl if the piano was viable before we accepted the donation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE

Additional details about the meeting and other information about the presbytery can be found in the weekly presbytery e-newsletter *Presbytery Matters*. Go to their website cayugasyracuse.org and click on the Resources tab.

MISSIONS

Blessings in a Backpack



As part of the partnering rotation for the month of November we are asked to collect:

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The **Blessings in a Backpack** program is a national nonprofit program that works with local chapters to provide food during the school year to children in need.

The Liverpool Chapter of **Blessings in a Backpack** is now feeding students in all the elementary schools in the Liverpool School district! Every week during the school year, each of these students receive food for the week-end- two breakfast items, two lunch items and two snacks. A group from our church helps to pack the meals on the second Wednesday of the month during morning hours.

Those wishing to make 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 Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088. If you have any questions regarding the above, or would like to volunteer to help pack, please contact Karen Fay at fimtay@gmail.com or talk to me during Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings.

Isaiah's Table Little Pantry

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

Urgent need: women's deodorant, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, nail clippers.



The following items are being accepted for ongoing needs for families: (***most needed items**)

Hygiene Items: soap, shampoo & conditioner, children's toothbrushes, toothpaste*, anti-per-spirant/deodorant*, feminine pads*, shaving cream.

Cleaning products: all-purpose cleaner*, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, laundry detergent (no pods), sponges ideally with scrubby side

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.

FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY GROUPS

Join a Fellowship/Study Group

Craft & Chat Group - 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Mondays
Fathers~Brothers~Sons - 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) - 6:30pm	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Manuscript Study - 1:15pm	1st & 4th Thursdays
Elsie O'Neil Circle - 12:30pm	2nd Thursday
Choir - 7:00pm	Thursdays

Contact church office for more information

Craft & Chat!



Join a group of friends to craft & chat together. We gather on Mondays on the 1st & 3rd week from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the LFPC library.

Whether you crochet, knit, make cards, draw, sew or any other craft you are welcome to join. Even if you don't craft, just come to chat. This is a casual gathering to share craft ideas, enjoy conversation with others and make new friends.

The gatherings will be Nov 3 & Nov 17. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend to the next gathering!!

Contact Lisa Bricault with any questions.



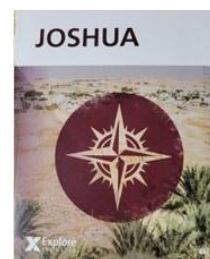
Fathers • Brothers • Sons
is a new kind of men's gathering for a new day
We will meet on Nov 4 & Nov 18
6:30-8pm at LFPC.
Come and join the community!

together in faith • circle of trust • shoulder to shoulder • present in the moment



**2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
6:30 – 7:45 pm
Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we strive to become more faithful
in following God's word and Jesus' teachings.

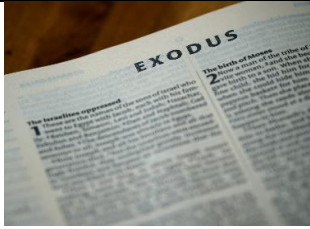


Nov 12
Nov 26

The Commands
The Challenge

Dec 10
Dec 24

The Cycle
No Meeting, Christmas Eve Service



Manuscript Study

Manuscript Study will meet the first and fourth THURSDAYS of the month at 1:15 - 2:30 in the church library beginning September 25.

Manuscript Study is a process of:

1. Reading Scripture without subheadings and verse separations
2. Observing repetitive themes and words, comparisons/contrasts, by highlighting, underlining, making notes and writing questions
3. Discussing observations and recognizing common themes in order to develop a central message
4. Praying for God's wisdom and guidance in applying this central message to our lives today

Our study this year will focus on the book of Exodus. The only supplies needed are a pencil/pen and a Study Bible or a phone for research. If you have questions, please call Leigh Anne Herd.

ELSIE O'NEIL/WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

We warmly invite all women of the church to join our Circle — a place where friendship, faith, and fellowship come together. We meet monthly on the **second Thursday at 12:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. While we're currently on our summer break, we'll resume our regular meetings on **November 13, 2025**, and we hope to welcome back our faithful friends *and* many fabulous new faces!

Each month, we gather with brown-bag lunches and enjoy a delicious dessert provided by our members. Our time together includes updates on church life, meaningful service projects, and a light Bible study that often sparks rich and heartfelt conversation. Through laughter, learning, and shared prayer, we find strength and support in one another.

Whether you're looking for spiritual encouragement, new friendships, or simply a welcoming space to connect, the Elsie O'Neil Circle is here for you.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm Fall wishes,
Coleen Clapper, Chair

FLORAL COMMITTEE



You can order flowers for the sanctuary to honor someone, celebrate a special occasion or just to brighten someone's spirit. Contact a member of the floral committee and they will take care of your request, \$40.00.

LFPC LIBRARY

If you are looking for stories, DVD's or other information, remember to check our online church library website: librarycat.org/lib/firstpres1829_Type in any search phrase you like. An advanced search is available, just click on the arrow to the right of the search box.

*Please note: We do not have electronic sign outs. Therefore, each item will say available. The only way to check if an item is available is to look for it in the library. Each item has a sign out card. Please fill out and leave in the tray next to the first door to the library.

Any questions, please contact Sue Kline at skline51@gmail.com

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

1 – Brianna Farrelly	22 – Linda Breckheimer
4 - Julie Morris	24 – Tim Overend
13 – Leigh Anne Herd, Liza Thibault	25 – Jayden Sanborn
17 – Laura Santos, Tim Bricault	26 – Ray Campbell
21 – Diana Marocco	



(If anyone has been omitted from this list, please contact the church office)

GIVE TO LFPC



If you are able, please **continue make your regular financial offering** to the church by mailing your check to Treasurer, Liverpool First Presbyterian Church, 603 Tulip Street, Liverpool NY 13088 or on our website at: <https://liverpoolfirstpres.org/give> or download the mobile app “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement”

Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse E-News

Our goal is to highlight things going on throughout the Church: within our Presbytery, in our congregations, as well as in the Synod of the Northeast and across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

To subscribe see: <http://cayugasyracuse.org>

The **Dec2025 Newsletter Deadline** is **Monday, Nov 24 by 12 noon**.

Please get all articles and pictures into the church office by the deadline. You may call the office at 315-457-3161 or email office@liverpoolfirstpres.org

