

October 2025



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FROM THE PASTOR

MUSINGS:

The first Sunday in October is known as World Communion Sunday. First celebrated in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, it gradually was accepted by many churches and denominations around the world. In 1936, the Presbyterian Church, USA, adopted the celebration, as did the Federal Council of Churches in 1940.

World Communion serves to symbolically demonstrate Christian unity worldwide and to remind us that we are all one in Christ. During the Second World War, it was increasingly celebrated by churches around the world, even amidst the carnage.

When we gather at the Table on any communion Sunday, we proclaim that it is the joyful feast of the people of God. Of course, it is a stretch to call it a “feast” until we remember, like so much else we do, it is wrapped in symbolism, of realities we can only begin to imagine. We are there on invitation by the one who has called each of us by name. And that invitation is not based on anything we have done, but on God’s unimaginable grace.

Years ago, at a gathering of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, where I was co-celebrant, I delineated who was welcome at the table. Ordinarily, celebrants say: “People will come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at the table of the Lord.” However, on this particular morning, I ventured to clarify what that meant. “... male and female, young and old, red, yellow, black, and white and brown, tall and short, fat and skinny, educated and simple, republican, democrat, socialist, communist, and non-committed, gay and straight ... ALL these and more will sit together at the table of the Lord.

The emphasis of the sacrament, on this day, is our unity, and in these days of escalating turmoil, it is imperative that we affirm those things we have in common and celebrate our differences. This is so because our differences give us strength and perspective that is lacking in just one perspective or approach.

We ARE the Body of Christ. Just as every body is made up of many parts, and those parts, though different, work together for the benefit of the whole, so that together the body is whole and strong. It is in this spirit that we gather on World Communion Sunday.

I hope to see YOU at worship.

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@liv-erpoolfirstpres.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

October 5, 2025	Rev. Scott Cupp
October 12, 2025	Rev. Scott Cupp
October 19, 2025	WE Sunday with Elder Ashley Gouger & Elder Bill Newell
October 26, 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:

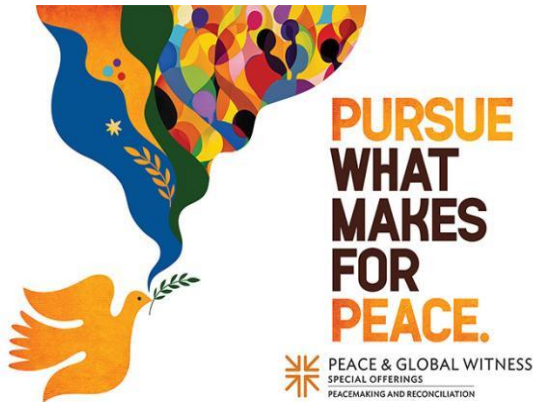
October faith classes for elementary students will be on October 12th and 26th. Younger students will meet with Pierre and Jason during worship and older students will meet with Bill and Rich during fellowship hour.

WE SUNDAY

We had a fantastic WE Sunday on September 21 focused on peace. We made over 30 cranes for the Christmas Tree and Tracie Folley gave an overview of the Peace and Global Witness Offering that will be received on World Wide Communion Sunday (October 5th). Our next WE service will be on October 19th and will focus on **hope**.



CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS – October 5, 2025

This offering on World Communion Sunday October 5th, 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 peace-making in our community. Since 1940, World Communion Sunday has been a celebration of our oneness bringing churches together in Christian unity.



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

603 Tulip St, Liverpool, NY
Liverpool First Presbyterian Church

October 17 & 18, 2025
9:00 – 3:00 pm



Donation Drop Off:

Tues, Oct 14 - Thur, Oct 16
9:15 am - 1:00 pm
and Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
6:30 pm - 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 a signup sheet



The Little Church by the Bench by Leigh Anne Herd

Early in the spring, session approved having a little library/food pantry paced by the bench across the street from the church. The challenge was finding someone to build this and lo and behold, our beloved Jack Raitt rose to the challenge. Jack designed this project to replicate our church, thereby letting those who frequent the box know that it is a connection to our church. Placed in the box will be a prayer box, Our Daily Bread booklets, some food items and an invitation to worship. In this photo, Jack is delivering his masterpiece to the church. Rick Pelotte, Doug Van Houte and Mike Herd will install it. Thank you to Carol Jerosé for weeding and planting the geraniums there this spring. And thank you, Jack, for continuing to serve Jesus Christ with your talent and devotion!



LFPC Bake-Off October 26, 2025 11:30 after worship

Bring your entry to the kitchen prior to Worship
And join in the fun by sampling and voting for your favorite baked good

Who will win the LFPC Bake-Off???

Brought to you by LFPC Fellowship Committee

Upcoming Events:

Nov 9, 2025 Soup Potluck
Dec 7, 2025 Hanging of the Greens



NEWS FROM THE DEACONS



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



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLERK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LFPC SESSION MEETING

09/08/2025

- Session created an ad hoc committee to focus on outreach and promotion which is being chaired by Linda Hook and Bill Newell
- LFPC has received all of the Employee Retention Tax Credit funds which will be shared with the Friends in Faith Preschool
- Dedication Sunday will be on November 23rd. A letter from the Stewardship Committee will be sent soon.

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



Isaiah's Table

Isaiah's Table is an elder-led faith community that is a member of the Cayuga Syracuse Presbytery. It was formed in 2012 by a group of ruling elders who felt called to serve the underserved in Syracuse's near west side. Isaiah's Table holds a worship service every Saturday at 10 am after providing breakfast at 9:30 for members of the community, who are invited to stay for worship. Breakfast includes a biscuit or wrap, fruit, a muffin, and juice or milk. Coffee and tea are also available. Approximately 40-50 people are served breakfast each Saturday. Isaiah's Table also provides Wednesday evening "Spiritual Nurture" gatherings via Zoom.

Isaiah's Table has a Little Free Pantry outside its building at the corner of Niagara and Marcellus Streets. It provides much needed grocery items and is frequented by neighbors and unhoused community members. To support this ministry, you can bring non-perishable food items and leave them in the "Isaiah's Table Food Pantry" basket located just inside the door on the parking lot side of Liverpool 1st Presbyterian Church. Donations will be delivered to Isaiah's Table once a month. If you'd rather, feel free to stop by the pantry, which is located at 223 Marcellus Street, to drop off your items.

In addition to the above, Isaiah's Table partners with PEACE, Inc. Westside Family Resource Center on the 3rd Thursday of each month by holding a Basic Needs Pantry which provides free personal care items, household paper products, and cleaning and laundry supplies for their clients.

Isaiah's Table is in need of financial support to help defray the cost of items for the Basic Needs Pantry and the Little Free Pantry. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to "Isaiah's Table" and place it in our offering plate on Sunday morning. If you have any questions about supporting the ministries of Isaiah's Table, attending worship at Isaiah's Table, or providing breakfast at Isaiah's Table, please contact Karen Fay at 315-439-7389 or by email fimtay@gmail.com. Feel free to visit Isaiah's Table on Saturday morning or visit their website at isaiahstable.org. Thank you!

Blessings in a Backpack



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

100% Juice boxes or pouches

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 weekend- 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.
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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 - 1:00pm	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 Oct 6 & Oct 20. 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 Oct 7 & Oct 21
6:30-8pm at LFPC.
Come and join the community!

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



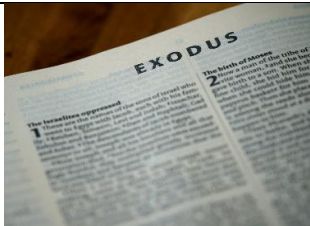
**2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
6:30-7:45 PM
Fellowship Hall**

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

✓ The Commission
Oct 8 The Conquest
Oct 22 The Commitment
Nov 12 The Commands
Nov 26 The Challenge
Dec 10 The Cycle
Dec 24 No Meeting
Christmas Eve Service



L. Hook, Facilitator



Manuscript Study

Manuscript Study will begin this fall moving to a new day. We will meet the first and fourth THURSDAYS of the month at 1:00 - 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**. Mark your calendar for our next gathering on **October 9, 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 – Lisa Bricault	16 – Sam Anderson
3 – Sandy Sanderson, Julie Smith	17 – Ryan Sanborn
4 – Rick Pelotte	20 – Bill Shipman
8 – Betsy Payer, Ed Fauler	25 – Samantha Gallagher
12 – Jon Woodworth	



(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 Nov 2025 Newsletter Deadline is Monday, Oct 27 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

