

**Lewes Presbyterian Church**

**Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ**

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**January 4, 2026**

**Epiphany Sunday**



**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 90:12**

**SERMON: Living on Purpose**

**Rev. Suzie Goodenough**

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

Welcome Rev. Suzie Goodenough.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal pg 457

*Samuel ...named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12*

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**

Maker of heaven and earth  
of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**

begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## CONFESSION

### INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteous. Friends, believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.”

## CELEBRATION

#### PSALTER READING: Psalm 90

*A prayer of Moses the man of God*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning –

**though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

All our days pass away under your wrath;

**we finish our years with a moan.**

The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength;

**yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass and we fly away.**

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Relent, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

**May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us –

**yes, establish the work of our hands.**

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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal pg 731

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Suzie Goodenough

## PREPARATION

HYMN: “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”

*Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”*

1. We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

CHORUS:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a king of Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

CHORUS

3. Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising all men raising, worship Him, God on high.

CHORUS

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

CHORUS

5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Peals thru the earth and skies.

CHORUS

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 90:12  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 852

SERMON: Living on Purpose

Rev. Suzie Goodenough

HYMN: “Near to the Heart of God”

1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

### CHORUS

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

### CHORUS

3. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

### CHORUS

## CONSECRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

SINGING OF THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Suzie Goodenough

### WELCOME . . . .

**To Lewes Presbyterian Church where you are always welcome. Whether you are attending for the first time in years, or the first time as a new resident, or an LPC member, you will always find LPC as a *place for you*.**

***LPC is a place to worship*** on Sundays which offers three distinct types of worship services; 8AM, 9AM and 11AM.

We are glad you are here to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. We look to God’s Word as the foundation for our church and our personal lives, and we joyfully praise God as we welcome you to our church family.

## We Three Kings

1857

John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891) in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal bishop. Hopkins, Jr. graduated from University of Vermont with an BA in 1839 and then an MA in 1845 and chose to join the clergy. He studied and graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1850. He was the seminary's first music teacher from 1855-57 and composed several hymns and edited the *Church Journal*.

Hopkins wrote the words and music to his most famous hymn, "We Three Kings" as part of a Christmas pageant for his nieces and nephews in 1877, while serving as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, PA; but it did not appear in print until his *Carols, Hymns, and Songs* was published in 1883. It was the first widely popular Christmas carol written in America and the first to be featured in *Christmas Carols Old and New*, a collection of carols that was published in the United Kingdom.

Hopkins served as rector of Trinity Church in Plattsburgh, NY from 1872-1876 and of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, PA from 1876-1887. He delivered the eulogy at the funeral of President Ulysses S Grant in 1885.

Hopkins never married and died on August 14, 1891, in Hudson, NY and is buried next to his father in Burlington, Vermont.

In 1916, this carol was printed in the hymnal for the Episcopal Church; that year's edition was the first to have a separate section for Christmas songs. "We Three Kings" was also included in *The Oxford Book of Carols* published in 1928 which praised the song as "one of the most successful of modern composed carols."