

Lewes Presbyterian Church

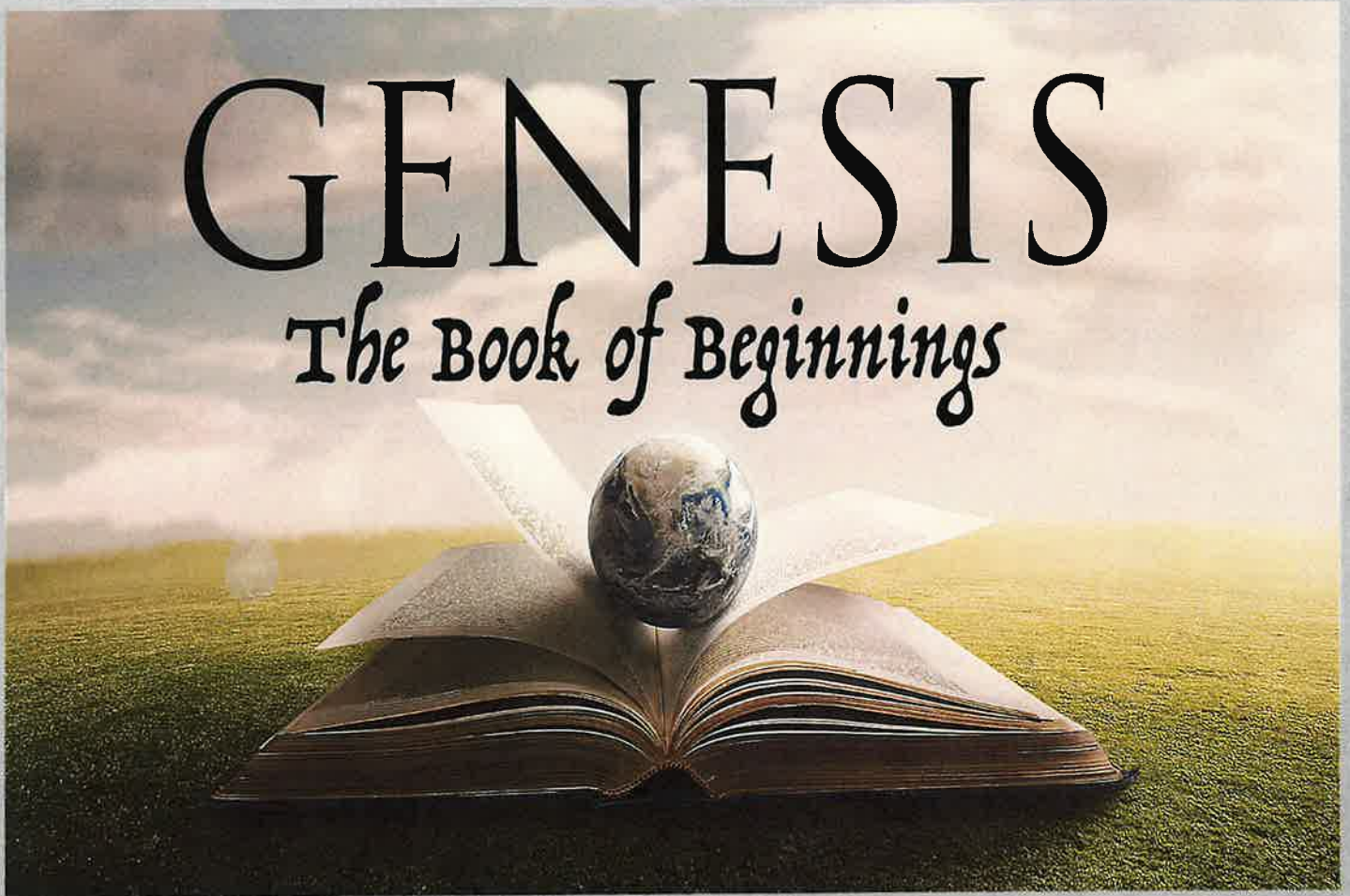
Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

February 1, 2026

# GENESIS

*The Book of Beginnings*



**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:1-5

**SERMON SERIES:** Lessons in Genesis

**SERMON:** In the Beginning

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymnal Pg 629

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
but with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
  
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!
  
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

ANTHEM

“Love Unmeasured, Love of God”

Larson

## **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

Debbie Anglin

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 93**

Debbie Anglin

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

**the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.**

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea – the Lord on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;

**Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O Lord.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
DOXOLOGY

Debbie Anglin  
Hymnal pg 731

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Greg Wiest

## PREPARATION

HYMN: “Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”

Hymnal pg 16

*Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things .... Ps 98:1*

1. Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
new songs of praise with sweet accord:  
for wonders great by him are done,  
his hand and arm have victory won.
  
4. All lands, to God lift up your voice;  
sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim  
let all unite and praise his name.
  
6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar  
and all that dwell from shore to shore;  
let floods clap hands with one accord,  
let hills rejoice before the Lord.

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-5  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1

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HYMN: "Behold the Lamb"

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you;  
Drink and remember He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith, we rise to respond  
and to remember our call to follow in the steps  
of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering; we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

### CONSECRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Adrienne Scott** *in memory of loved ones.*

**The Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11AM worship service. Lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Connection Center or click on the link below:

[RSVP for February 8, 2026 Congregational Meeting and Luncheon](#)

## **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.

*LPC is a place to bring your children.* Your children are welcomed by caring leaders. LPC has a nursery available during the 9AM worship services. Children's Church is offered before the 9AM sermon for ages 3-7. Adult and Children's Sunday School meet at 10AM during the school year.

*LPC is a place to explore Christianity during our Sunday a.m. and weekly Bible studies. Welcome to LPC . . . . a place for you.*

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.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to complete a connection card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate as you leave worship today. We encourage you to return often and make LPC a spiritual home for you, your family and friends.

**Experience LPC—we have a place for you!**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1855

Joseph Scriven (1819-1896) was born of prosperous parents in County Down, Ireland. He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin in 1842. In 1843 Scriven watched in shock as the body of his fiancée was pulled from the lake. Their wedding had been planned for the next day. In 1845 he decided to immigrate. Leaving his mother behind, he migrated to Ontario Canada. He was 25. In 1855, while in Canada, Scriven received word his mother was critically ill. He wrote the poem "Pray Without Ceasing" to comfort her. This poem was later set to music and renamed by Charles Converse, becoming *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. The poem was published in the newspaper and later became a favorite hymn around the world.

In 1857 Scriven moved to Port Hope, Ontario where he again fell in love and was due to be married but in August 1860 his fiancée suddenly fell ill of pneumonia and died.

After this, Scriven devoted his life to tutoring, preaching and helping others, pouring himself into ministry in Port Hope, Canada, cutting firewood for widows, giving away his clothes and money to those in need. In 1869 Scriven published a collection of 115 "Hymns and Other Verses" which did not include *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

In 1896 Scriven became critically ill. At that time, it was not known he had a poetic gift. A neighbor, sitting with him in his illness, happened upon a manuscript copy of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Asking Scriven about this, he said he had composed it for his mother to comfort her, not intending that anyone else should see it. On August 10, 1896, in his delirium, he rose from his bed and staggered outdoors where he fell into a small creek and drowned. He was 66. He is buried next to his second fiancée, Eliza Catherine Roche.