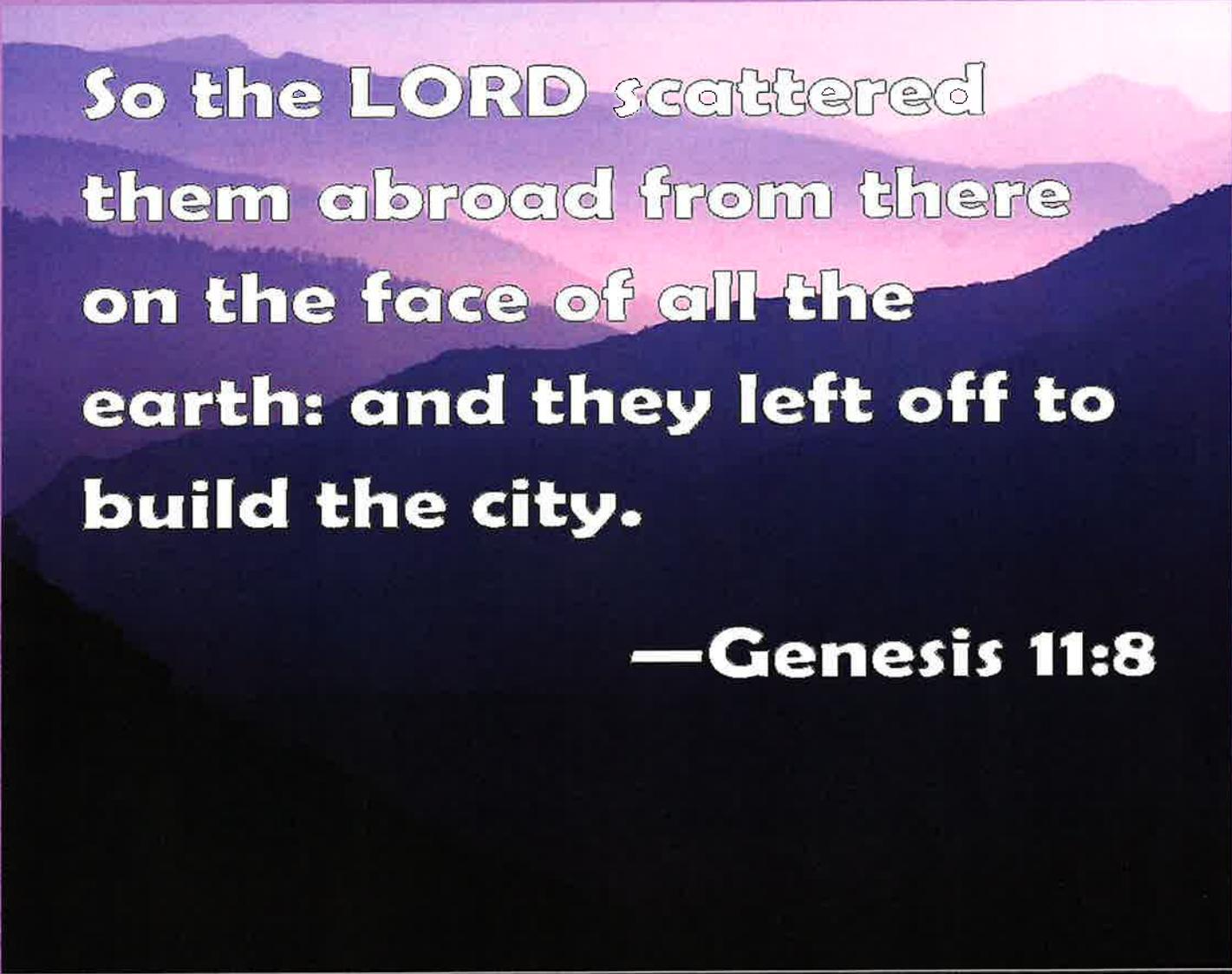


Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

March 15, 2026



**So the LORD scattered  
them abroad from there  
on the face of all the  
earth: and they left off to  
build the city.**

**—Genesis 11:8**

**SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:1-8**

**SERMON SERIES: Lessons in Genesis**

**SERMON: Human Pride**

**Rev. Greg Wiest**

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Greg Wiest

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Young Life

Matt Windsor

HYMN: “Across the Lands”

1. You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began.  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice:

CHORUS

You're the author of creation;  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

2. Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,  
yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

CHORUS

3. With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,  
from each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

CHORUS

**We Believe (Apostle's Creed)**

CHORUS

We believe in one true God, Father, Spirit, Son;  
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all  
His Kingdom come.

1. We believe in God the Father, Almighty Lord of life;  
Creator of the Heavens, the earth, the sea, the sky.  
And we believe in Jesus, the only Son of God  
Born of the virgin Mary who lived as one of us.

CHORUS

2. We believe that Jesus suffered, was beaten, crucified;  
He died and He was buried, entombed in darkest night.  
The third day rose victorious, ascended into Heaven,  
will one day come to judge us, the living and the dead.

CHORUS

3. We believe in God the Spirit, one Church empowered by Him;  
Communion of God's people, forgiveness of our sin.  
Our bodies resurrected to everlasting life;  
to worship, love and wonder before the throne of Christ.

CHORUS

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION

Cheryl Morgan

DECLARATION OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen

## CELEBRATION

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 98**

Cheryl Morgan

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

**his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made his salvation known,

**and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

**burst into jubilant song with music;**

make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it the world, and all who live in it.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Morgan  
Rev. Greg Wiest

## PREPARATION

HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymnal pg 529

*He who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 11:1-8  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 8

SERMON SERIES: Lessons in Genesis

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HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymnal pg 261

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1*

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
  
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

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*in memory of loved ones.*

## **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 into 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 Wondrous Love is This 1811

This hymn is a Christian folk hymn from the American South. Its text was first published in 1811 and its melody derived from a popular English ballad and today it is a widely known hymn included in hymnals of many Christian denominations.

The hymn's lyrics were first published in Lynchburg, VA in 1811 in a camp meeting songbook *A General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use* and attributed to an anonymous author; although the 1848 hymnal, *The Hesperian Harp*, attributes the text to a Methodist pastor from Georgia named Alexander Means.

Most sources attribute the hymn's melody to the 1701 English song "The Ballad of Captain Kidd" which was well known at the time. Camp meeting attendees during this time would sing the hymns printed in the hymnals to a variety of popular melodies, including "The Ballad of Captain Kidd" and is likely how the text and melody came to be paired. The text and melody were first published together in the 1840 edition of *The Southern Harmony* a book of shape note hymns compiled by William Walker. The three-part harmony was arranged by James Christopher of Spartanburg, SC in a later printing of the hymn.

WONDROUS LOVE. 12, 9, 6, 6, 12, 9 Christopher.

What won-drous love is this, oh! my soul! oh! my soul! What won-drous love is this, oh! my soul! What won-drous love is this! That

caused the Lord of heav'n, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" in three-part harmony. It consists of two systems of three staves each (treble, alto, and bass clefs). The first system includes the title "WONDROUS LOVE. 12, 9, 6, 6, 12, 9" and the name "Christopher." The lyrics are written below the staves. The second system continues the melody and lyrics. The music is written in a style characteristic of shape-note hymns, with square notes and a simple harmonic structure.

(An example of 3 part harmony shape note music)