

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

March 22, 2026

Leave your
country and
go to the land
which I will show you.

Genesis 12:1



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SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-5

SERMON SERIES: Lessons in Genesis

SERMON: The Call of Abraham

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

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THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Hymnal pg 251

Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm...." Is 32:2

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonder of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION
DECLARATION OF PARDON

Cheryl Morgan
1 John 1:9

GLORIA PATRI

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

CELEBRATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 99

Cheryl Morgan

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice,

you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

they called on the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Morgan

Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,..... will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10

1. God of grace and God of glory; on Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage. For the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure Thy children's waring madness; bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage; lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal

4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee,
that we fail not man nor Thee.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12:1-5
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 15

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HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross"

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

REFRAIN

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me.

REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

Flowers are provided by **Bonnie Warrington** *in memory of Jack Warrington.*

You may order your Easter tulip between March 16-29th using the paper forms in the Connection Center or online [2026 Easter Tulip Order Form](#) Tulips are \$10 each. Make your check payable to LPC with tulips in the memo line.

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 has 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!

Old Rugged Cross 1913

George Bennard (1873-1958) was born in Youngstown, OH, shortly after the end of the Civil War. His father, a coal miner, moved his family to Iowa where Bennard came to Christ through the ministry of the Salvation Army. He felt the call to train for the ministry, but his plans were disrupted when, at age 16, his father's unexpected death left him responsible for his mother and sisters. Instead of theological school, Bennard worked by day and devoted his spare time to his education.

Eventually Bennard's family obligations lessened and he moved to Chicago where he married Araminta Behler and they had three children. In 1897 he and his wife worked for the Salvation Army in Illinois for several years before Bennard was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church and became a traveling evangelist. Bennard spent most of his life in Michigan and Wisconsin, although he preached throughout the US and Canada.

As he preached through the Midwest, Bennard began formulating in his mind a better understanding of the power of the cross of Christ. He said at one point, "I was praying for a full understanding of the Cross." As he was studying and praying the theme of *The Old Rugged Cross* came to him. Bennard carried the words with him as he evangelized, working on them and polishing them, and sometimes singing them at his meetings. The song always struck a chord with his audiences. When his hymn was finally finished in 1913, Bennard went to the home of his friend Rev. L.O Boswick and sang it for him. The Boswicks were so moved that they helped pay the fees to have it printed and it soon began appearing in hymnbooks across America.

George Bennard died October 10, 1958 in Reed City, Michigan. The town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. He is buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, CA.