

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

April 26, 2026



1 Corinthians

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON SERIES: I Corinthians

SERMON: A Stumbling Block

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: “Rejoice, All Ye Believers”

Hymnal pg 320

Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!” Matt 25:6

1. Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near;
the Bridegroom is a-rising and soon he draweth night,
up, pray, and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
and wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near,
go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear!

4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that brings us until thee.

ANTHEM

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

Jerry Stanley
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 103

Jerry Stanley

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits -

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children –

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Jerry Stanley

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance

Hymnal pg 693

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalm 146:2

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of Glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

CHORUS

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

CHORUS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 1:18-31
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1624

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HYMN: "Because He Lives"

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matt. 28:6

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon;
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

REFRAIN

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance;
this child can face uncertain days because Christ lives.

REFRAIN

3. And then one day I'll cross that river,
I'll right life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Mack & Alice Morrison** *for the glory of God and in honor of our 43rd wedding anniversary.*

The new members class will be held today, April 26th and again on Sunday, May 3rd at 10am in the Welcome Center classroom. Anyone interested in joining LPC or would like more information is welcome. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend.

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 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!

Because He Lives

1971

Gloria (Sickal) Gaither (1942 -) was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, the daughter of Pastor Lee and Dorothy Sickal. She attended Anderson University in Anderson, IN where she majored in English, French and Sociology. She met Bill Gaither while teaching French at Alexandria Monroe High School. Gloria and Bill were married in 1962 and have a son and two daughters.

Gloria Gaither shared the background for this beloved song: “When Bill and I started our family in the sixties, racial tensions were tearing the country apart. Civil rights activists had suffered, and some had been killed. The Vietnam conflict was claiming thousands of lives and tensions boiled over on university campuses. Many young people were growing disillusioned and ‘dropping out’.

In this climate Bill and I sought to write songs with lasting answers to the turmoil of the human spirit. In the Fall of 1969 several things happened to test the reality of our own convictions. We realized we were expecting another baby and although we had always intended to have another child, we weren’t planning on a baby so soon. Making matters worse, Bill contracted mononucleosis, which left him exhausted and depressed.

This combination of national turmoil and personal trouble discouraged us. While pondering and praying about these things, we came to realize anew that our courage doesn’t come from a stable world, for the world has never been stable. Jesus Himself was born in the cruelest of times. No, we have babies, raise families and risk living because the Resurrection is true!

Shortly after our baby was born “Because He Lives” was born in our hearts and poured from our souls. Over the years this song has reassured us that our Lord’s Resurrection is the central truth of life. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. We may run, walk, stumble, drive or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way.”

Bill and Gloria Gaither have written more than 700 gospel and contemporary Christian songs and have received Grammy Awards, GMA Dove Awards (Gospel Music Assoc.) and were inducted in the GMA Hall of Fame along with many other awards. Gloria turned 84 in March 2026.