

**Jewes Presbyterian Church**

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

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**July 27, 2025**



**SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:25**

**SERMON SERIES: When God Doesn't Make Sense**

**SERMON: Can God Redeem a Hard Life?**

**Rev. Greg Wiest**

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME  
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bryan and Erin Bronsink

HYMN: "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"

Hymnal pg 606

*Teach me your way, O Lord, lead me in a straight path. Psalm 27:11*

1. Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!  
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!  
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;  
lead me with heavenly light, teach me thy way!
2. When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!  
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!  
In hours of loneliness, in time of dire distress,  
in failure or success, teach me thy way!
4. Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!  
Where e're my lot be cast, teach me thy way!  
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,  
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Caliana Velasquez

## **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

## **CONFESSION**

**INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION**

Barbara Barkdoll

**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 unrighteousness. Friends, believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.”

## 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 72:11-22 Of Solomon

The kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

**All kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no  
one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy  
from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their  
blood in his sight.

**Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given to him.**

May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

**Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may  
it sway.**

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.**

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

**Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does  
marvelous deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled  
with his glory. Amen and Amen.

**This concludes the prayers of David Son of Jesse.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Barbara Barkdoll  
Rev. Greg Wiest

**PREPARATION**

HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Hymnal pg 616  
*The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms,  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:25  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1305

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HYMN: "Revive Us Again"

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Psalm 85:6*

1. We praise thee, O God,  
for the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died  
and is now gone above.

#### CHORUS

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!  
Hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory!  
Revive us again.

3. All glory and praise  
to the Lamb that was slain,  
who has borne all our sins  
and has cleansed every stain

#### CHORUS

4. Revive us again;  
fill each heart with thy love.  
May each soul be rekindled  
with fire from above.

#### CHORUS

#### BENEDICTION

Flowers are given by **Arthur & Anne Honeycutt** *in memory of our parents*

## **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!**

## Revive Us Again 1863

William P Mackay was born May 13, 1839 in Montrose Scotland and was educated at the University of Edinburgh where he graduated before going on to gain his medical degree in 1870. His thesis was on leprosy and he worked for many years as a medical doctor prior to deciding to become a minister. In his own words, here is the testimony of WP Mackay, author of "Revive Us Again."

"My dear mother had been a godly, pious woman, quite often telling me of the Savior, and many times I had been a witness to her wrestling in prayer for my soul's salvation, but nothing had made a deep impression on me. The older I grew, the more wicked I became.

One day a seriously injured laborer was brought into the hospital. The case was hopeless. He seemed to realize his condition, for he was fully conscious and asked me how long he would last. I gave him my opinion in as cautious a manner as I could. "Have you any relatives whom we could notify?" I continued. The patient shook his head. His only wish was to see his landlady because he owed her a small sum and also wished to bid her farewell and requested his landlady send him "The Book."

I went to see him on my regular visits at least once a day. What struck me most was the quiet, almost happy expression constantly on his face. After the man died, "What shall we do with this?" asked the nurse, holding up a book in her hand. "What kind of book is it?" I asked. "The Bible of the poor man. As long as he was able to read it, he did so, and when he was unable to do so anymore, he kept it under his bed cover."

I took the Bible and..... could I trust my eyes? It was my own Bible! The Bible which my mother had given me when I left my parents' home at age 17 and which later, when short of money, I sold for a small amount. My name was still in it, written in my mother's hand. With a deep sense of shame, I looked upon the precious Book. It had given comfort and refreshing to the unfortunate man in his last hours. It had been a guide to him into eternal life, so that he had been enabled to die in peace and happiness, and this Book, the last gift of my mother, I had sold for a ridiculous price. Be it sufficient to say the regained possession of my Bible was the cause of my conversion."

Mackay was minister of Prospect Street Presbyterian Church in 1868 when he also married Mary Livingstone. Mackay wrote a number of hymns in the next number of years. Mackay died August 22, 1885 as a result of an accident at the age of 46. He fell from the pier while boarding a ferry, striking his head, spending some time in the water before being rescued. He died later in a local hotel.