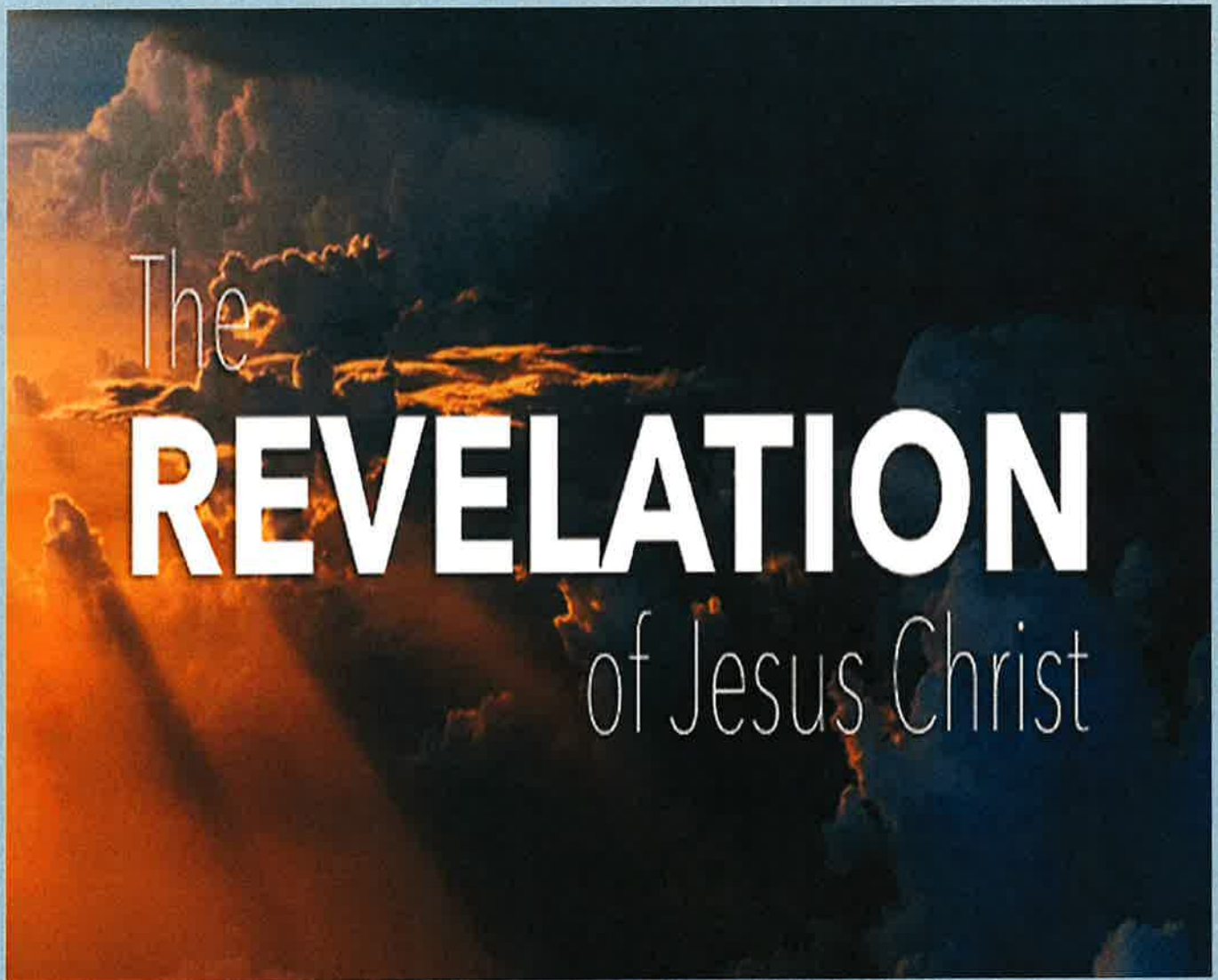


Lewes Presbyterian Church

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11:00 AM Worship Service

August 31, 2025



SCRIPTURE: Revelation 17:1-6

SERMON SERIES: Apocalypse, Symbols of the End Times

SERMON: Babylon

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Hymnal pg 120
You made the heavens ...and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You gave life to everything. Neh. 9:6

CHORUS

All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings.

CHORUS

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them, every one.

CHORUS

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who made all things well.

CHORUS

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

Doreen Truitt

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 75

We praise you, God, we praise you for your Name is near; people tell
of your wonderful deeds.

**You say, “I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with
equity.**

When the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars
firm.”

**To the arrogant I say, ‘Boast no more,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not
lift up your horns.**

Do not lift your horns against heaven; do not speak so defiantly.”

**No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt
themselves.**

It is God who judges; He brings one down, he exalts another.

**In the hand of the Lord is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with
spices; he pours it out and all the wicked of the earth drink it
down to its very dregs.**

As for me, I will declare this forever; I will sing praise to the God of
Jacob,

**who says, “I will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns
of the righteous will be lifted up.”**

PREPARATION

HYMN: "Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

1. Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
when the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.
3. Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unrelief.
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul,
now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance –
see His love for ever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
4. Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory,
and we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind, and life secured.
And the calm will be better for the storms that we endured.

PROCLAMATION

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New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1764

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HYMN: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Hymnal pg 521
No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Cor. 3:11

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

CHORUS

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

CHORUS

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Doreen Truitt** *in memory of my 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!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

1848

Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895) was born in Dublin Ireland. She began writing poetry in her early childhood. At age 15 Alexander went to live at Milltown House in Strabane, Ireland and while living there, she published a number of Christian books.

One day, Alexander was working with one of her pupils in Sunday School who was struggling to understand the Apostles' Creed. Alexander began to mull the possibility of converting the Apostles' Creed into songs for children, using simple hymns to explain the phrases and truths of the Christian faith to little ones. The Apostles' Creed begins: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...* For the phrase "maker of heaven and earth" she wrote this lovely little song, "All Things Bright and Beautiful," based on Genesis 1:31. The Apostles' Creed goes on to say about Jesus Christ: "...who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary..." which spurred the writing of a favorite Christmas hymn "Once in Royal David's City." These hymns, and many others, were published in 1848 in *Hymns for Little Children* and became one of the most successful hymn-publishing projects, going through over one hundred editions.

By the 1840s Alexander was known as a hymn writer and her compositions were included in *Church of Ireland* hymnbooks. Cecil and her sister, Anne, were very involved in local church activities in Strabane. While visiting local families, they encountered a small deaf boy from a poor home. They were concerned about the bareness of his existence and the blank future he faced. Both sisters persuaded their father to allow them the use of a small building on the grounds of their home at Milltown House to set up a tiny school for 4-5 deaf children.

From the acorn of a tiny home school grew the dream of a large-scale institute catering to children with hearing and speech loss. This dream came true with the laying of the foundation stone of the school on September 6, 1850. The school was opened in 1851 and over the following five years welcomed almost 50 children; teaching them the skills needed to live in a hearing world. Unfortunately, the school was destroyed by fire in 1856, where 8 deaf children died. Although the school was never rebuilt, Alexander's leading role in deaf education in Ireland has not been forgotten.

Alexander died in Derry, Ireland at age 77 and is buried in Derry City Cemetery. Her husband, William, died in 1911 and is buried beside his wife. Alexander's former home, Milltown House, later became Strabane Grammar School which contains a plaque commemorating their residence there. The school building was vacated in 2020.