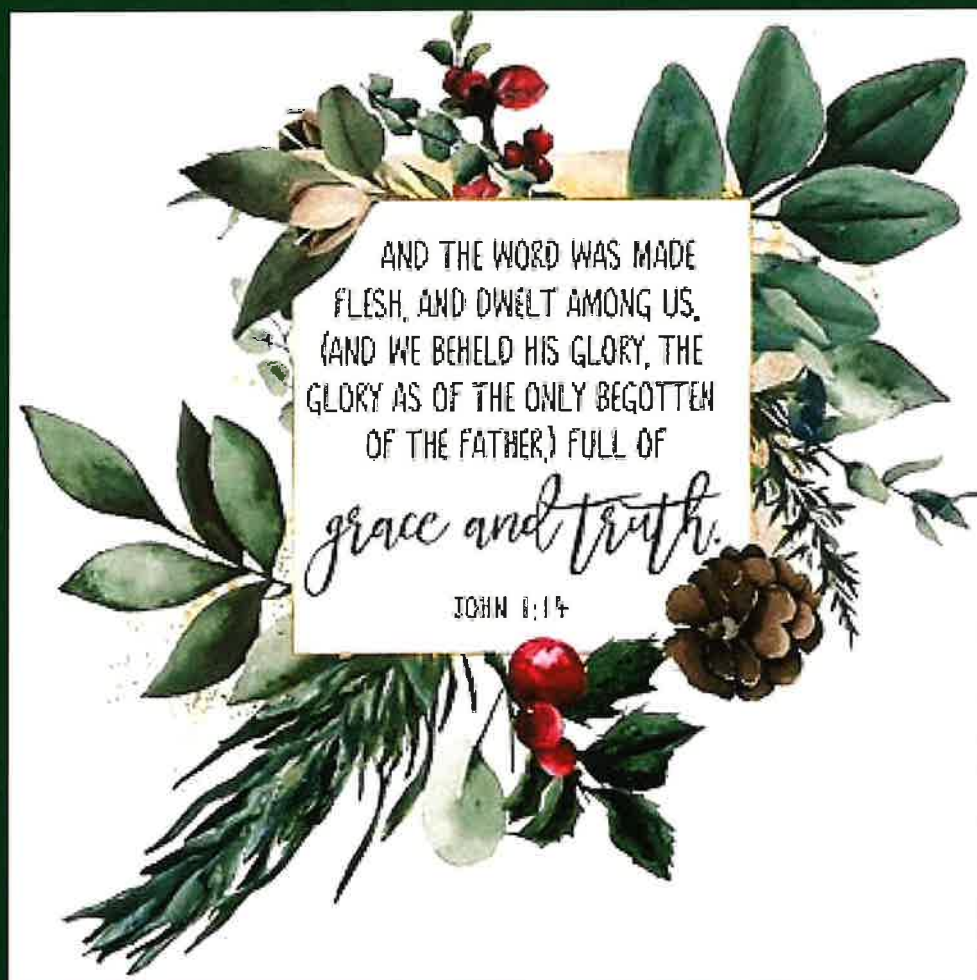


Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

September 6, 2026



SERMON SERIES: Theology in John

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

SERMON: The Word Became Flesh

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Greg Wiest

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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 NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONFESSION

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION

Patsy Macintire

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

CELEBRATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 115

Patsy Macintire

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

Those who make them will be like them,

And so will all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield.

The Lord remembers us and will bless us;

He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,

He will bless those who fear the Lord – small and great alike.

May the Lord make you increase, both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man.

It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to silence;

It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.

Praise the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Patsy Macintire

Hymnal pg 731

Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: “Take Time to Be Holy”

Hymnal pg 537

*Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity...
so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Rom 6:19*

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his Word.
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;
each thought and each motive beneath his control;
thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-14
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1509

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HYMN: "Behold The Lamb"

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

1. Behold the Lamb who bear our sins away, slain for us.
And we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you.
Eat and remember the wounds that heal
the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond
and to remember our call to follow
in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His sufferings, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

CONSECRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Alex & Stephanie Brown** *in honor and memory of our grandparents.*

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.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to complete a connection card found in the pew and put it in 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!

Take Time to Be Holy

1890

The words to “Take Time to Be Holy” were written about 1882 by William Longstaff a wealthy Englishman who served as treasurer of the Bethesda Free Chapel in Northeast England. His church hosted the first meetings held by D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey in that area, and Longstaff became a great supporter of the two. Longstaff was reported to have written the poem after hearing a missionary to China quoted as saying, “Take time to be holy.” In 1890 George Stebbins (1846-1945) spent time in India working with evangelist George Pentecost when someone mentioned the need for a hymn on holiness. Stebbins found Longstaff’s poem “Take Time to Be Holy” and composed the music for the stanzas in 1890 and sent the music and words to Ira Sankey in New York where it was published.

Stebbins traveled with people like D.L. Moody, Major Daniel Whittle, Philip Bliss, Ira Sankey, William Doane, and Fanny Crosby. Stebbins was born in Orleans County, NY where he spent the first 23 years of his life on a farm. He married Elma Miller in 1868 and they moved to Chicago in 1869 to begin his career in music. They had one son. Elma Stebbins assisted her husband with his singing, conducting meetings and giving Bible readings for ladies. Stebbins became the musical director of Chicago’s First Baptist Church in 1870, a position he held until 1874 when he resigned and moved to Boston where shortly, thereafter, became the music director of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church where he became acquainted with D.L. Moody.

In 1876 Moody persuaded Stebbins to enter evangelistic work under Moody’s direction where Stebbins organized a choir for the meetings Moody and Sankey were to hold in Chicago through December of that year. In the 25 years associated with Moody, Stebbins assisted Moody and Sankey in their work both in this country and abroad, working with other evangelists and writing and publishing gospel hymns used by Moody during the remainder of his life.

This hymn has aged well and has become more and more relevant. If people in the 1880s needed to slow down and be holy, how much more now! George Stebbins died at age 99 on October 6, 1945.