

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service

September 07, 2025

A stylized background illustration featuring a dove on the left and flames on the right, both rendered in a textured, golden-brown color. The dove is shown in profile, facing right, with its wings spread. The flames are depicted as several upward-pointing, teardrop-like shapes. The entire illustration is set against a light cream background.

ELIJAH

FEAR AND FAILURE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 16:29-34

SERMON SERIES: Days of Elijah

SERMON: A Rotten Ruler

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING & WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev Greg Wiest

HYMN: “In Christ Alone”

Sing praises to God, sing praises. Psalm 47:6

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

CELEBRATION

PSALTER READING: PSALM 76

Patsy Macintire

God is renowned in Judah; in Israel his name is great.

His tent is in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.

There he broke the flashing arrows, the shields and the swords, the weapons of war.

You are radiant with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.

The valiant lie plundered, they sleep their last sleep; not one of the warriors can lift his hands.

At your rebuke, God of Jacob, both horse and chariot lie still.

It is you alone who are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry?

From heaven you pronounced judgement, and the land feared and was quiet –

when you, God, rose up to judge, to save all the afflicted of the land.

Surely your wrath against mankind brings you praise, and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them, let all the neighboring lands bring gifts to the One to be feared.

He breaks the spirit of rulers; he is feared by the kings of the earth.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Patsy Macintire

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal pg 731

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: 1 Kings 16:29-34
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 504

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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.*

The LPC Annual Picnic will be held outside on the church grounds immediately following worship today. Please plan to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship.

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 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!

In Christ Alone

2001

Stuart Townend (1963-) is the son of Rev. John Townend, former vicar of Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, England from 1974 until his death in 1985 from an auto accident. Townend was born in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, England and has three older siblings.

Townend began learning to play the piano at age 7 and at the age of 13 he became a Christian and began songwriting when he was 22. He studied literature at the University of Sussex. He is married and has three children. Townend and his family live in Brighton, UK.

Townend has led worship and performed in events across the world at conferences and festivals, include the Stoneleigh Bible Week in the early 1990s to the early 2000s. He has appeared on *Songs of Praise* and worked with other Christian musicians, including Keith Getty, Lou Fellingham and Phatfish.

In 2005, *Cross Rhythms* magazine described Townend as “one of the most significant songwriters in the whole international Christian music field.” The Christian website *Crosswalk.com* commented, “the uniqueness of Townend’s writing lies partly in its lyrical content. There is both a theological depth and poetic expression that some say is rare in today’s worship writing.”

In 2017, Townend was awarded the Cranmer Award for Worship by the Archbishop of Canterbury “for his outstanding contribution to contemporary worship music.”

Townend is one of today’s leading worship songwriters. Hymns such as “In Christ Alone,” which he co-wrote with Keith Getty, “How Deep the Father’s Love,” “Beautiful Savior,” and “The Power of the Cross” are sung in churches around the world.