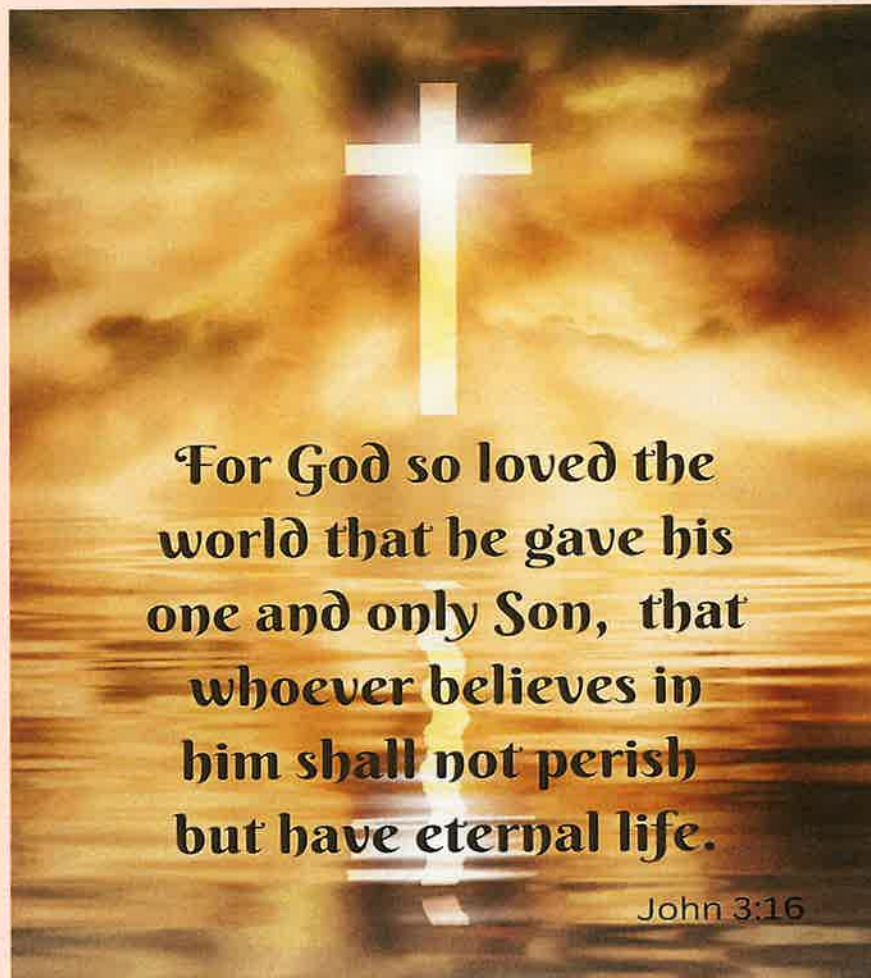


Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

10:00 AM Worship Service

September 13, 2026



SERMON SERIES: Theology in John

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-22

SERMON: Born Again

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING & WELCOME

Rev Greg Wiest

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: “Abide with Me”

Hymnal pg. 402

This is how we know that he lives in us; We know it by the Spirit he gave us. 1
John 3:24

1. Abide with me, fast falls the even-tide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

THE APOSTLES 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.

* Refers to the universal church of believers not specifically Roman Catholic church

MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

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 116

Bible pg. 875

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, save me!"

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the Lord has been good to you.

For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed; therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars."

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;

you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord – in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Patsy Macintire

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: “Open My Eyes That I May See”

Many prophets and Kings have desired to see those things which you see. Luke 10:23-24

1. Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

REFRAIN

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth and let me hear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with Thy children thus to share.

REFRAIN

4. Open my mind that I may read
more of Thy love in word and deed.
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?
only for light from Thee I plead.

REFRAIN

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-22 Bible pg. 1512-1513
New International Version (NIV)

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CONSECRATION

BENEDICTION

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Flowers are provided by **Margaret Goodwin & Carl Skeen** *in
memory of loved ones*

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 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 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!

Abide With Me

1847

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) was born near Kelso, Scotland. His father deserted the family shortly after making arrangements for his two oldest sons to attend Portora Royal School in Ulster. His mother moved to London where she and her youngest son died. The school headmaster paid the boy's fees and welcomed him into his own family during holidays. Lyte was effectively an adopted son. There is no information on the other son.

Lyte was a tall and "unusually handsome man, slightly eccentric but of great personal charm, a man noted for his wit and human understanding." After studying at Trinity College, Dublin, Lyte took Anglican holy orders in 1815 and experienced an evangelical conversion in 1816. He met and married Anne Maxwell that year. Although Anne "could not match her husband's good looks and personal charm," she was an excellent manager of the house and finances. They had two daughters and three sons.

Lyte built a library at a former military hospital, consisting largely of theology and old English poetry, described as "One of the most extensive and valuable in the West of England." Lyte was able to identify with his parish of fishermen, visiting them at their homes and on board their ships in harbor, supplying every vessel with a Bible, compiling songs and a manual of devotions for use at sea.

In poor health throughout his life, Lyte suffered various respiratory illnesses and was disappointed when an application as vicar was rejected due to his increasingly debilitating asthma and bronchitis. By the 1840s Lyte was spending much of his time in warmer climates of France and Italy. He died in the city of Nice in the Kingdom of Sardinia. He was 54.

Today's hymn was written the summer before he died and was a favorite of King George V and George VI and was sung at George VI's funeral. "Abide With Me" has been sung prior to kick-off at the FA Cup Final since 1927 and the Rugby League Challenge Cup at Wembley Stadium since 1929.