

**Lewes Presbyterian Church**

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

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**September 14, 2025**

A stylized background illustration featuring a dove in flight on the left, rendered in a light tan color. To the right of the dove are several vertical, flame-like shapes in a darker tan color. The entire illustration is set against a light cream background.

# **ELIJAH**

**FEAR AND FAILURE**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:1-6**

**SERMON SERIES: Days of Elijah**

**SERMON: Elijah and God's Judgment**

**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: The Lewes School, Congo

Jeannine White

HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Hymnal pg 690

*I know that my Redeemer lives. Job 19:25*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives  
and ever prays for me;  
a token of his love he gives,  
a pledge of liberty.
2. I find him lifting up my head;  
he brings salvation near;  
his presence makes me free indeed  
and he will soon appear.
4. Jesus, I hang upon your Word;  
I steadfastly believe  
you will return and claim me Lord,  
and to yourself receive.

ANTHEM: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

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## **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**

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.”

## 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 77

I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.

**When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched  
out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.**

I remember you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew  
faint.

**You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.**

I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;

**I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my  
spirit inquired:**

“Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?

**“Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed  
for all time?**

“Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his  
compassion?”

**Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand  
of the Most High.”**

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your  
miracles of long ago.

**I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty  
deeds.**

Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?

**You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.**

With your mighty arms you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.**

The clouds poured down water, the skies resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

**Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.**

Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Patsy Macintire  
Rev. Greg Wiest

## **PREPARATION**

HYMN: "Abide with Me"

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
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, Lord, 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.

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: I Kings 17:1-6  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 504

SERMON SERIES: The Days of Elijah

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HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymnal pg 92

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Fred Beaufait** *in memory of Lois Beaufait.*

**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!**

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **1529 (Martin Luther) and 1853 (Frederic Hedge)**

Frederic H. Hedge (1805-1890) was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the son of Harvard University professor Levi Hedge. At the age of 12 Hedge traveled to Germany and studied music and philosophy for five years under the care of George Bancroft, after which he entered Harvard as a junior and graduated in 1825. His knowledge of German was to serve him well. He translated Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (1529) into the most popular English version.

After graduating as class valedictorian, Hedge enrolled in Harvard Divinity School where he met his close friend Ralph Waldo Emerson. After graduating from divinity school in 1828, Hedge was ordained as a Unitarian minister and became minister at a Unitarian church in West Cambridge, MA. In 1835 he took charge of a church in Bangor, Maine and, after spending a year in Europe, in 1850 Hedge became pastor of the Westminster Church in Providence, Rhode Island and in 1856 of the church in Brookline, MA, where he remained until 1872 at which time he resigned his pastorate in Brookline to become professor of German literature at Harvard, which he retained until 1881.

Hedge was well known as a public lecturer and pulpit orator. He lectured on medieval history before the Lowell Institute and returned to Harvard Divinity School as a professor of ecclesiastical history.

Hedge ranked as perhaps the foremost German literary scholar in the United States and his chief significance to American thought was his introduction of German scholarship and literature. Frederic Hedge died in Cambridge, MA at the age of 84.