

Lewes Presbyterian Church
Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ
Stewardship Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service
November 9, 2025

A stylized background illustration within a white rectangular frame. It features a brown dove in flight on the left, facing right. In the center and on the right are stylized flames in shades of brown and grey. The word "ELIJAH" is superimposed in large, bold, black serif capital letters across the middle of the illustration.

ELIJAH

FEAR AND FAILURE

SCRIPTURE: II Kings 2:1-12
SERMON SERIES: Days of Elijah
SERMON: Taken to Heaven
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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: "We Gather Together"

Hymnal pg. 363

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Psalm 32:8

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, was at our side; all glory be thine!
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation endure through tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

Sue Ellen Radhe

DECLARATION OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

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 84

Sue Ellen Radhe

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young –

a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Sue Ellen Radhe
Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Hymnal pg 679
The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise;
just to know, Thus saith the Lord."

CHORUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

CHORUS

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

CHORUS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: II Kings 2:1-12
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 518

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HYMN: “Before the Throne of God Above”

*...Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
Heb 45:6*

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable “I Am,” the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
4. I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine,
God’s perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God’s eyes.
This river’s depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood;
The Lord most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His
glorious love, and poured on me His glorious love.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Marianne Sobieski** *in memory of her husband Leonard,
her son-in-law Seymore and dear friend Donna.*

On Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free. To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, may God bless you and thank you.

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!

We Gather Together

1597

At the time this hymn was written by Adrianus Valerius in 1597, the Dutch were engaged in a war of national liberation against the Catholic King Philip II of Spain. “Wilt heden nu treden” (We gather together) resonated because under the Spanish King, Dutch Protestants were forbidden to gather for worship. This hymn first appeared in print in a 1626 collection of Dutch folk and patriotic songs by Adriaen Valerius and celebrated freedom from Spanish rule and was popular in the Netherlands.

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914) was a Viennese choir director, conductor, composer and musicologist and who arranged a collection of Dutch folk songs for male voices. Out of this collection came this tune, known as “Kremser” from Kremser’s 1877 score arrangement and lyric translation of “Wilt heden nu treden” from Dutch into Latin while in Leipzig, Germany. The modern English text was written by Theodore Baker in 1894. Kremser also edited and arranged a 3-volume set of German and Austrian folk music, *Viennese Songs and Dances*, published in 1912 as well as other volumes of folk music.

This hymn gained popularity, especially in services of Thanksgiving and was included in the national hymnal of the Methodist-Episcopal Church in 1935. According to the *Hymn Society in the United States and Canada*, “We Gather Together” first appeared in an American hymnal in 1903 and retained popularity among the Dutch. In 1937 the Dutch Reformed Church in North America abandoned the 17th century policy of singing only psalms and added hymns to their church services. “We Gather Together” was chosen as the first hymn in the first hymnal!