Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service
November 22, 2026



SERMON SERIES: Personal Struggles
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:18, Hebrews 8:12
SERMON: The Guilt Cycle
Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE — Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME — Rev. Greg Wiest

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: "Revive Thy Work, O Lord" — Hymnal pg 370

I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, renew them in our day, in our time make them known. Hab. 3:2

1. Revive thy work, O Lord,
thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make thy people hear.

3. Revive thy work, O Lord,
create soul-thirst for thee;
and hungering for the Bread of Life,
O may our spirits be.

4. Revive thy work, O Lord,
exalt thy precious name;
and by the Holy Ghost, our love
for thee and thine inflame.

5. Revive thy work, O Lord,
give Pentecostal showers;
the glory shall be all thine own,
the blessing, Lord, be ours.

ANTHEM: Sing, We the Song of Emmanuel Boswell et al

THE APOSTLES CREED Hymnal pg. 845

CONFESSION

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION Barbara Barkdoll

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."

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 126

When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev.

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING — Barbara Barkdoll
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN: "We Plow the Fields" — Hymnal pg 714

He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons ...." Acts 14:17

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

CHORUS
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

2. He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

CHORUS

3. We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health our food;
no gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
but that which you desire now; our humble, thankful hearts.

CHORUS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1:18, Hebrews 8:12
New International Version

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HYMN: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" — Hymnal pg 716

All the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy. Neh. 8:12

1. Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
   with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
   By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
   sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

2. By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;
   the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
   He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase;
   he crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

3. Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
   the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save.
   Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
   and with your lives adore him who gave his lift for all.

4. To God the gracious Father, who made us "very good,"
   to Christ, who when we wandered, restored us with his blood,
   and to the Holy Spirit, who doth upon us pour
   his blessed dews and sunshine, be praise for evermore.

BENEDICTION — Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Carol Bishop** *in memory of Bob Bishop and Judy Hubbard.*

REMINDER: LPC will be hosting a blood drive tomorrow, 11/23, here at the church between 9AM-2PM sponsored by the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

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!

Visit our Connection Center to learn about our activities and events.

Revive Thy Work, O Lord
1858

Albert Midlane (1825-1909) was a British poet. Midlane was born in Carisbrooke, a village in Newport on the Isle of Wight, into a large family. He was the youngest child of James and Frances Lawes Midlane. Albert's father died in October, 1824, just months before he was born. His mother, Frances, was a Congregationalist and Midlane attended the church Sunday School at a young age. He learned the trade of ironmonger, but his Sunday School teacher encouraged him to continue with his poetic efforts and did much to shape Midlane's early life. Midlane said, "How often from the cares of the family would the dear mother lead me into a quiet room; and there kneeling by my side would she, with holy fervor, by prayer bring God into all her circumstances…."

At age 23 Midlane was baptized and left the Congregational church to join the Plymouth Brethren but remained committed to Sunday School teaching and hymn writing. In 1858 he published *There's a Friend for Little Children*, which … "Probably no children's hymns have enjoyed such enormous popularity." This hymn for children was published multiple times in multiple languages. At the celebration of Queen Victoria's jubilee, 3,000 children assembled in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, blending their voices in "*There's a Friend for Little Children.*" Midlane compiled two hymn books for the young containing 323 hymns for children, all of his own compositions. Midlane never had any of his music copywritten nor accepted any money for his writing and was very generous with his ironmonger trade and as such became bankrupt. Through the generosity of his many friends, his financial situation improved.

Midlane married Mariam Grainger in 1851 and they had three children. Midlane published over 700 hymns, most of which are no longer in use. It was said Midlane's hymns… "are full of spiritual thought, careful in their wording and often very pleasing without reaching the highest form of poetical excellence."

In 1901 the Midlanes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with rejoicing and music. Midlane died in 1909 at the age of 84 and is buried on the Isle of Wight.