

Lewes Presbyterian Church
Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ
7:00 PM Worship Service
December 24, 2022



SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14
SERMON SERIES: Advent
SERMON: The Birth of Christ
Rev. Greg Wiest

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND PRAYER

*HYMN: "Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come" Hymnal 195
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
as far as the curse is found, as far as the curse is found,
far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH

Jack & Diane Moore

ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas

Purifoy

CELEBRATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for,

That she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low,

The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A voice says, Cry out. And I said, what shall I cry?

All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

Because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

But the word of our God endures forever.

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout.

Lift it up, do not be afraid;

Say to the towns of Judah, here is your God!

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

He tends his flock like a shepherd. He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart;

He gently leads those that have young.

* HYMN: “Away In A Manger” Hymnal 204

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-14

SERMON SERIES: Advent

SERMON: “The Birth of Jesus”

Rev. Greg Wiest

PASSING OF THE LIGHT

As a symbol of Christ’s light touching each of us with its radiance, the ushers will light their candles from the Christ candle. Worshipers seated on the center aisle are asked to light their candle from the usher’s candle, and each person in turn lights their candle from their neighbor’s. **So that the hot wax does not drip, tilt your unlit candle to the flame of the lit candle. The person next to you lights their candle from yours.** Please extinguish your candle after singing Silent Night.

* HYMN

“Silent Night”

Hymnal 210

They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
in radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.
4. Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* *Congregation standing, as able.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Offering plates are located at the door. Please put your offering in the plate as you leave worship tonight.

Christmas Offering: Our Christmas offering has been designated to be divided between Love, Inc. (Code Purple homeless shelter), and to Delmarva Teen Challenge.

Please take your poinsettia with you as you depart.

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, 9:15AM and 11AM.

LPC is a place to bring your children. Your children are welcomed by caring leaders. LPC has a nursery available during the 9:15am morning worship services and Adult and Children's Sunday School during the 9:15am worship service.

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!

NOTE: There will be one worship service on December 25th, at 10AM in the Sanctuary.



The Christmas Poinsettias

The Sanctuary Poinsettias are given by:

Nina Amato *in memory of Tony Amato and Anne Whie*

Don & Gail Anderson *in memory of our parents*

Clarence & Barbara Barkdoll Bauman *in memory of our parents*

Clarence & Barbara Barkdoll Bauman *in memory of Melanie Bradley*

Fred & Lois Beaufait *in memory of our parents*

Carol Bishop *in memory of Bob Bishop*

Jason Bradley *in memory of Melanie Bradley*

The Alex Brown Family *in honor of family and friends*

The Alex Brown Family *in memory of loved ones*

Gerry & Carol Brown *in honor of the Youth at LPC*

LPC Youth Group *in honor of our LPC Family*

Mary Cender *in memory of Bill Toth*

Mary Cender *in memory of John & Nancy Bartram*

Walt Clark *in memory of my parents*

Walt Clark *in memory of my wife, Barbara*

Mercedes & Nicole Ferrari *in memory of Giorgio & Maria Ferrari, parents & grandparents*

Sally Gioeni *in memory of my parents, Stanley & May Moronski*

Charlie & Ruthy Goarcke *in memory of our parents William and Ruth O'Toole*

Charlie & Ruthy Goarcke *in memory of our parents Charles and Betty Goarcke*

Mel & Mary Ellen Kreps *in memory of our sons Stephen and Kevin*

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Marjorie Latzko *in memory of Melanie Bradley*

Cheryl Morgan *in memory of my mom, Jeanne Krajec*

Lorraine Mullecker *in memory of Willard F. Eccleston, Jr.*

Len & Debbie Myers *in memory of our parents*

Sharon Ogonowski *in memory of my parents Bill & Ruth Jones*

Bob & Peg Partlow *in memory of Melanie Bradley and in honor of the Joy of Christmas*

Carol Pizzillo – *in memory of my parents, Caius and Helen Hoffman*

Carol Pizzillo – *in honor of my sons Jason and Joseph and my grandchildren, Charlotte, Emma, Violet, Bode, and Huley*

Granville Reed *in memory of Stuart and Betty Reed*

Adrienne Scott *in memory of family*

Mary Ann Sobieski *in memory of Leonard and Seymore*

Fran Stevenson *in memory of William H Stevenson, III & her sister Dorothy*

Chuck & Joy VanHeest *in memory of Mr & Mrs David Weber*

Chuck & Joy VanHeest *in memory of Mr & Mrs Robert VanHeest, Sr.*

Alan & Pam Waldron *in honor of the birth of our Savior*