

WELCOME!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives!

NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please ask the ushers for directions to Classroom A, where elementary school aged children will experience hands on learning during the service. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church administrative office at 941-964-2479 if you can help!

UMW

Calling all Christmas Cookie Bakers! Volunteers needed to bake Christmas cookies for the reception following the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and thank you!

Reminder: UMW luncheon and meeting Monday, December 14 at 11:30, hosted by Candy Rost- 1660 16th St. Speaking on behalf of Kids's Needs, Barbie Arbour will be collecting donations of sneakers for boys age 7-17. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For each month that has five Sundays, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Children's Home. This typically happens four times a year. The tradition of the Fifth Sunday Offering being received in local United Methodist Churches stretches back to the very beginning of the Children's Home in 1908. It is our hope that you will remember to lift up the Children's Home this Fifth Sunday. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5:00pm for a Festival of Lessons and Carols! Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

Next Week: Sunday, December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

"God Draws Straight with Crooked Lines"

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 3: 1-6

Canticle of Zechariah # 208: Luke 1: 68-79

SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY!

Ushers: Candy Rost and Ruth Balogh

Acolyte: Flynn Stewart

Cross Bearer: Tanner Stewart

Liturgist: Joan Senior

Ministry in Music: Al Nethery

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reeher

Children and Youth Ministry: Cheryl Schum & Leslie Barrett



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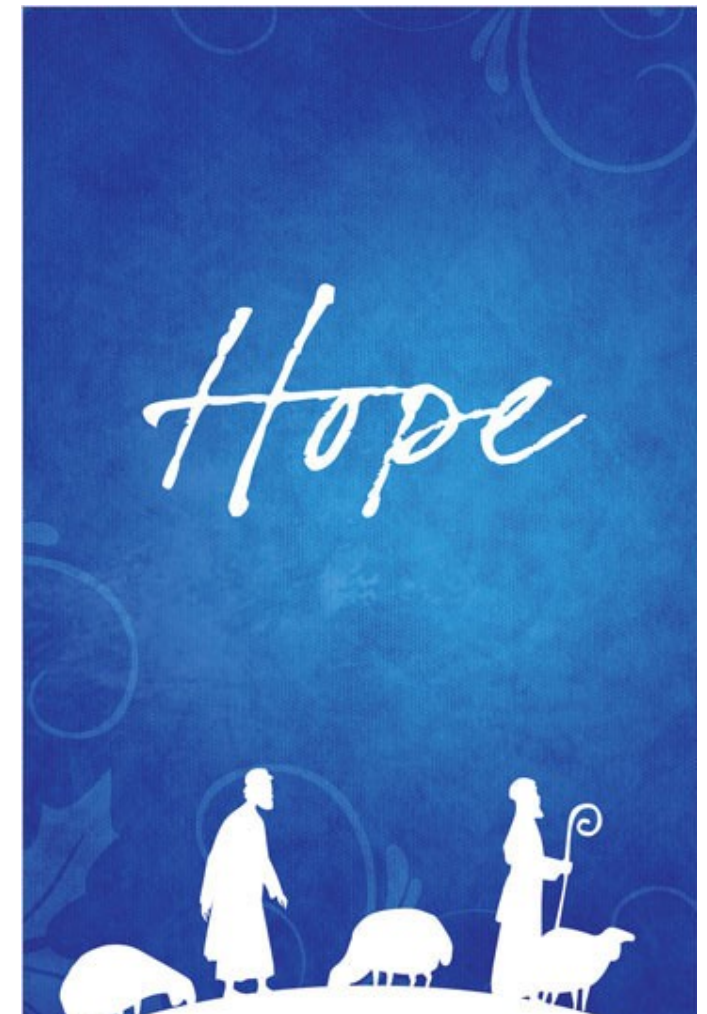


— B O C A G R A N D E —
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

November 29, 2015

Receiving the Light, Sharing the Light, Being the Light

First Sunday in Advent



Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is Latin for "coming." It celebrates the most important news about the past and the most important news about the future. Christ has come; and Christ is coming back. Just as the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem took everyone by surprise, although it had long been predicted, so the coming of Christ in glory will no doubt take everyone by surprise, although it too has long been predicted. At the Lighthouse Church, we place a large wreath in the chancel to represent the four Sundays of Advent and the central moment of Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent commemorates the longing of Israel for the Kingdom of God.

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you
All are welcome in this place of worship.
As you are seated please silence your cell phones
and register your attendance in the registration pad.
The prelude signals the beginning of worship.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Unto Us a Boy is Born* arr. Rogers

+RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Tell the timid to take heart.

People: **The Lord our God will come!**

Leader: We wait for the word of the Lord as we wait for the rains.

People: **Our God shall come down upon us like gentle dew.**

All: **And he will be called: The Lord is our Righteousness.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*

+CONFESSION OF SIN

All: **O God of the ages and ages to come, make us watchful as we await the coming of your Son, our Savior. When he comes, may he find us not sleeping in sin, but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.**

Bring to light things hidden in the darkness, even the sinful shadows of our hearts. Forgive and cleanse us, that we may walk in your light, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!**

+GLORY TO GOD

Gloria! **In excelsis Deo!**
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+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

+SONG OF PEACE #221 "In the Bleak Midwinter" Cranham

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Stewart Family

Advent Song Light the Advent Candle vs. 1 See insert

The liturgy is read followed by the response of the people
And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus. And we light a single candle in preparation for that glorious day.

The First Candle is Lit

All: **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen**

Repeat Refrain of Advent Song

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" vs. 1 Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

It is our honor to pray with you and for you. If you have a prayer request that you would like listed on our prayer list, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Pew Bible OT Page 694

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALTER #756 Psalm 25: 1-10 Response 1

Refrain: Lord, make me to know your ways.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 21: 25-36 Pew Bible NT Page 80

+SONG OF PREPARATION #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

**The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.*

+GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12: 38-44 Pew Bible NT Page 46-47

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

+SONG OF PREPARATION #204

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+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

SERMON Chapters and Stories
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS/OFFERTORY PRAYER
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In* arr. Rogers

+DOXOLOGY #94 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Drew and Mary Tucker

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #720 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" *Wachet Auf*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel**

+POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Hustad

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

By offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we are able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local congregation and our missional initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!