

Service of Worship

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

+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.

The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.

Gathering

PRELUDE Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
from "Psalmody Sacra"

arr. Edward Broughton

Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt
Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The TeVelde Family (8:30 AM)
The Boney Family (10:00 AM)

Reader 1:

A reading from Mark chapter 1:

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Reader 2:

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

ALL: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

CENTERING O Come, O Come Emmanuel Philip Eyrich

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Minister:

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

Minister:

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

+THE 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.

+OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters
Coordinator of Family Ministries

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Every Valley Jane Webb
John Ness Beck, trans. Craig Courtney

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

HOMILY "Ahead of Us" The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

HYMN OF ADORATION O Little Town of Bethlehem (VS4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.

All are invited to partake despite denomination or religious affiliation.

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic, Holy Communion is being served in individual cups. If you did not receive a cup when you entered, the ushers will provide you with one. The bread provided in the top of the cup is gluten free and is unleavened.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

(Tune of "Divinum mysterium") - Plainsong, arr. David P. Dah

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Minister continues...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Minister continues...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Minister continues...

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending Forth

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

The day of the Lord is coming; therefore strive to live in peace for God's salvation is near.

May faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from heaven as you walk in the way of peace, and may the blessings of God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Holy Comforter, be with you now and always.

+POSTLUDE Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, arr. Henry Balcombe

Today's altar flowers are given in honor of Kathi Hustedt, by an anonymous donor, for being our prayer warrior.

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.
An offering basket is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

CONNECT CARD



WELCOME!

We'd like to help you get connected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

Let us know how we can reach out to you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

How long have you attended LH Church?

1st time guest 2nd time guest

guest from out of town

regular attendee member

I am interested in:

Having the Pastor Contact Me

Youth and Families

Small Groups

Missions

United Methodist Women

Men's Prayer Group

Strawberry Festival Volunteer

Stephen Ministry

Greeting and Ushering

Communion Stewardship

Fellowship Hour Hospitality

Singing in the Choir

Membership

PRAYER REQUESTS

In everything by prayer...

Let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Please pray for

Requested by

Date _____

Phone number () _____

Email _____

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT 941-964-2479

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Welcome!

We are honored that you are here! If you are a first time guest, please pick up a gift mug as a token of our gratitude for your presence here today. All are welcome into the congregational life, ministry, and membership of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. For information on baptism and membership, please contact us at info@bglighthouseumc.com

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting every Thursday at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, except on holidays.

UMW News

The UMW November and December gatherings have been cancelled. The UMW Board will be meeting soon to determine how to proceed in the new year. Stay tuned!

Sanctuary Flowers

To beautify the Sanctuary, you are invited to place flowers in the chancel for Sunday Services. The total for two arrangements is \$75.00. To place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the form in the weekly newsletter or contact the office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium

The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit www.bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

Shoebox Gifts for Kids' Needs of Englewood

Many thanks to everyone that donated shoeboxes for the Kids' Needs annual "Gift Away". You generously filled 80 boxes to give to our children in need in Englewood. God bless all you and this congregation for all your support and help throughout the year. With deepest gratitude,

Becca and the entire Kids' Needs family

Kaisers/Harry Chapin Food Bank Matching Gift Update

Thanks to your generosity, our \$10,000 matching gift goal was not only reached but also exceeded. Including the initial \$10,000 pledged by our anonymous donor, a total of \$20,500 will be donated to Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida to support the fight to end hunger and in honor of Nick and Helen Kaiser.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM—Interactive Family Service

7:00 PM —Candlelight and Holy Communion

Serving Today.

Liturgist: Candy Rost (8:30 AM and 10 AM)

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STEPHEN
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**LIGHTHOUSE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

of
BOCA GRANDE

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

*Receiving the Light,
Being the Light,
Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ*



A new world is coming. The Scripture lessons for today carry a theme of promise and hope. Isaiah speaks tender words of comfort along with hope and promise that the Israelites' time of suffering is over, and a new day is coming. Every valley shall be lifted up. The passage from Isaiah reminds us that God's word stand forever and that God will provide for our every need as a Shepherd. Mark's gospel focuses on John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. In Advent, we remember that all our waiting, yearning, and hoping for God is met by God's waiting, yearning, and hoping for us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of November 30, 2020

OPERATING BUDGET.....\$643,000.00

OFFERING.....\$488,602.00

OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING

YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND

GLOBAL MISSIONS.....\$354,895.00

Coming from:

DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION

GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....\$91,111.00

(19% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SPONSORED MISSIONS.....\$70,000.00

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL

PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....\$193,784.00