

Service of Worship

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

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin and celebrate adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE Christmas Carol Medley
Philip Eyrich, piano and Bill Whitney, drums

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

SHARING THE LIGHT Mitch and Debbie Martinez

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Duke Family
Reader 1: We light this candle for peace. (Light the second candle.)

Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child.

"You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Reader 2: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Reader 3: Let us pray: God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #209
"Blessed Be the God of Israel" MERLE'S TUNE

+INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

+SUNG RESPONSE GLORIA

Glory be to God on High!
Glory be to Jesus Christ!
Glory to the Spirit, Son!
Glory to the Three in One!

Gloria, In excelsis Deo! Gloria, In excelsis Deo!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Shout to the North arr. Martin Smith
Praise Team

Proclamation

The Word is encountered in speech and song
as scripture is interpreted and expounded.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
O Lord our God, make us watchful, and keep us faithful to your word as we await the coming of your Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 OT Page #838
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #206
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:68-79 NT Page #54
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

We respond by affirming our faith, lifting our prayers,
setting the table, and praising the triune God.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" HYMN TUNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Larry Hannah
We pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

OFFERTORY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY Savior of the Nations, Come
from Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524 arr. Douglas E. Wagner

+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 CONSECRATION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.
All are invited to partake despite denominational
or religious affiliation.

COMMUNION MEDITATION
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness Johann Crugar

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17 MUSICAL SETTING A

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 and ever. Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Edward Dearle
Christian People, Raise Your Song J. Horn's Gesangbuch
Now the Silence Carl F. Schalk

POST COMMUNION PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Sending Forth

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth
with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #733
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE People, Look East
traditional French melody arr. Stephen L. Aber

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.

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



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.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available to assist you. Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net

Youth Group Christmas Event

Students in fourth grade and up are invited to join us following service until 1:30pm today for lunch and a Nativity Escape Room event. We'll be meeting in the new Leopard Lair classroom and prizes will be awarded for "escaping".

Sunday School Change

Children in fourth grade and up are encouraged to attend worship service with their families. They will then meet with Ms. Kathy in the Leopard Lair following service (with refreshments included) from 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM for a brief Sunday School Bible Study discussion while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

"All The Good" Advent Bible Study

Is being led by Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams on Sunday mornings at 8:30 from 11/29 through 12/19. We enjoy a light breakfast at 8:15 and begin the study promptly at 8:30 in Classroom A.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

On December 12 at 10:00am, we will have a special worship service of Lessons and Carols to celebrate the season. Join us for this annual seasonal favorite.

Christmas Eve Services

Three services will be held on Christmas Eve. The first at 5pm is the Family Service geared toward children. There will also be Candlelight and Holy Communion services at 7pm and 9pm.

Upcoming Memorial Services

Howard Bruce Witt Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:00am
Ann Berry Fitzgerald Saturday, February 19, 2022 11:00am
Jane Cartwright Carlson Date and Time TBD, 2022

Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

Members of our Mission Committee continue to collect nonperishable food items for the local food bank. More families than ever continue to rely on the food bank to feed their families. Please place your donations in the blue barrels in front of the church and the administrative offices. They are much appreciated!

Save The Dates

There will be a Building Dedication and Open House on **Sunday, January 9** to celebrate the completion of the expansion project. Lighthouse UMC will host a musical evening with the Chatham Rabbits on **Saturday, January 15** at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available at the church office for \$25 each. A Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mardi Gras Celebration will be held on **Tuesday, March 1 at 5pm**.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Candy Rost

Ushers: Madelaine and Colvin McCrady

Communion Stewards: Pam and Larry Hannah

Hospitality Hosts: Melinda Theis, Candy Rost and LeeAnn Tobin

Acolyte: Will Duke

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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of November 30, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....\$532,151.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....\$340,837.00

Coming from:
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....\$113,965.00
(20% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED
MISSIONS.....\$25,000.00

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....\$201,872.00



December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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



Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. This morning we hear words from the Prophet Malachi concerning being purified by the Refiner's fire. Luke's gospel portrays Zechariah's Prophecy which climaxes in John the Baptist being the one to guide our feet into the way of peace, which is Jesus. Throughout the season of Advent, we look to the future God is preparing for us in thanksgiving and repentance, even as we prepare to meet Jesus.