

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.

For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

(9:55 AM)

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle

Arr. Henry Balcome

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Paxton

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jim & Ellie Crawford

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

”O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

+OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, we praise your holy name. Your mighty acts are matched only by your compassion, which softens our hard hearts and turns them toward your people. Give us strong voices and loving hands to proclaim your good tidings through all of the earth, in the name of your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Son

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

+GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis deo!

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+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #204

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

(sung twice)

McGee

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed in our midst, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Pew Bible OT Page 627

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

vs. 1-2

Regent Square

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 1: 1-8

Pew Bible NT Page 33

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

vs. 3-4

Regent Square

SERMON

Finding Your Wilderness

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

vs. 1

“Spirit Song”

Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring with Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

J.S. Bach, Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Tom Fettke

+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

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #567

“Heralds of Christ ”

National Hymn

+BENEDICTION


Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Fanfare on “Emmanuel” and “Veni Emmanuel”

McGee/Helmore

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

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 UP-DATED AT 941-964-2479

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

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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 17 at 5:00. Don't miss this meaningful and beautiful observance of the Christmas season.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

Choir rehearsals will resume on January 4, 2018. We will again start with separate rehearsals for men and women at 4 PM followed by a combined rehearsal from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. It is my plan to have the choir begin singing at the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, January 7, and 10:30 AM when we return to two services on January 14. There will also be a brief warm up rehearsal, each Sunday, beginning promptly at 10 AM (9:30 AM on January 7) in the sanctuary. It will be a pleasure to reconnect with returning choir members and to welcome new faces as we join in fellowship and share our time and talents while lifting our voices in musical praise to God. May each of you be filled with God's abundant blessings during this Advent season of anticipation and fulfillment, and as we enter a new year. ~David Hamblin

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

All elected officers, committee chairpersons and committee members are invited and encouraged to attend a Leadership Luncheon in Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, January 16, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The purpose of the luncheon is to welcome the newly elected leaders to their committees, provide the opportunity for all committees to meet for the first time in 2018, and for chairs to share information with the entire group. We did this last year and it got us off to a good and successful year of ministry together.

Please RSVP to apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com or 941-964-2479

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 SERVICES

10:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Family and Kids) 7:00 PM (Candlelight and Communion)

MOM'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE 2017-2018

December 18, January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 9 & 23 and May 7 & 21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 3, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$481,710.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$165,602.00</u>

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

Ushers: Dian & Richard Klepser

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Mary Foree

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett

Hospitality: Jane Caple & Sunny Hellman



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

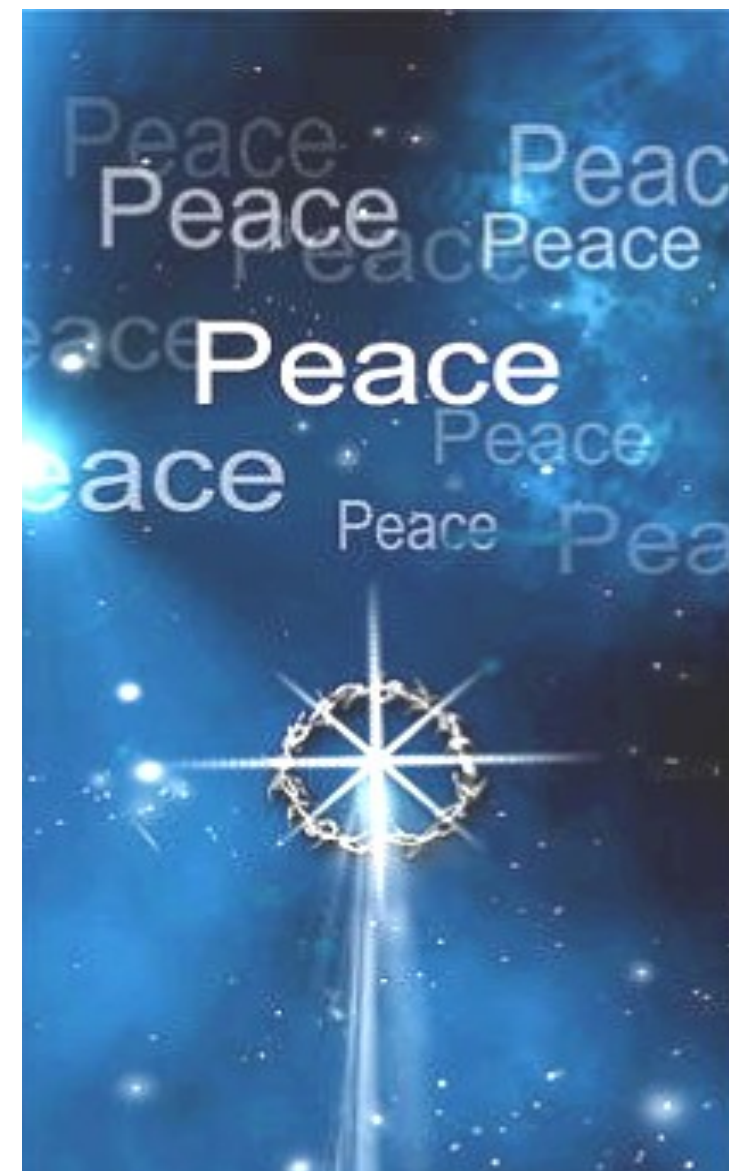
Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



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 second letter to Peter emphasizes God's enduring patience and his earnest desire that all come to repentance. 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.