

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 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 Barrett Family

Reader One: We light this candle as a symbol of the peace we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

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

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211 vs. 1-4, 7

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

+OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+GLORY BE TO GOD, CREATOR

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anna Boney

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne T.R. Matthews / arr. Tom Fettke
Philip Eyrich, Pianist

Proclamation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds through the hearing of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Pew Bible OT Page 602
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #216

vs. 1-2

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Es Ist Ein Ros*

+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 1-11 Pew Bible NT Page 2
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #216

vs. 3

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Es Ist Ein Ros*

SERMON

The Rev. Russell H. Williams

Response

+HYMN OF RESPONSE #203

vs. 1 & 4

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Ellacombe*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #889

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Linden Hustedt

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song" vs. 1 & 2 *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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

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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry arr. Lyndell Leatherman

+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

Sending Forth

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #61

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

People, Look East arr. Stephen L. Aber

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 Fellowship 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 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.

**VISITORS, PLEASE PICK UP A GIFT BAG IN THE NARTHEX AS A
TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!**

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Come share in this special recalling of the Christmas Story through scripture lessons and traditional carols. Tonight at 6:00, preceded by an extended musical prelude before the service. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

THE 2020 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR "STUFF"

Cleaning out drawers, closets or storage spaces over the holidays? If so, the United Methodist Women are happy to accept donations of your unwanted items for the annual Strawberry Festival March 7, 2020. Money from the sale of these items benefits women and children in need.

If you have household items, jewelry, books, art work, linens, toys and games you would like to contribute, please drop them off at the Lighthouse Methodist Church OFFICE in Boca Grande from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Or contact Jan Myers at 941-964-0562 to set up delivery to her home.

We will accept any item of furniture that can be carried by one person, such as a lamp or very small table, for the bargain and boutique areas. Thank you!

CHOIR REHEARSALS SCHEDULED TO RESUME

Choir rehearsals will resume on January 2, 2020. Rehearsals will begin at 4 PM and end at 5:30 PM. I plan to have the choir begin singing for the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, January 12th. There will be a brief warm up rehearsal, each Sunday, beginning at approximately 9:50 AM 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 Hamlin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 1, 2019

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	\$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$532,935.00
MISSION GIVING	\$163,262.00
UMW MISSIONS	\$59,840.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$1,796,756.00

Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

Ushers: Jane & Ron Wittenberg

Cross Bearer: Lachlan Barrett

Acolytes: Bradford Boney, Jr. Hampton Boney

Liturgist: Carol Elwood

Hospitality Hosts: Children's Ministry

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Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant



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

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday in Advent

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



On this second Sunday of Advent, the Scripture readings prophesy both the first and second comings of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming King from the roof of Jesse, the father of King David, on whose throne our Savior Jesus will reign forever. In this peaceable Kingdom, divisions will cease, and children will come to no harm. In Matthew's gospel, John the Baptist issues a fiery call for repentance, announcing the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy and the coming judgement that must precede the establishment of the Kingdom of God.