

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

PRELUDE Greensleeves Richard Purvis

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt

Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CENTERING Three Kings Patricia Lou Harris

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Behold the glory of the Lord, Alleluia!

+CONFESSION AND PARDON

Isaiah proclaimed: Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Let us acknowledge the darkness in our lives, repent of our sin, and receive the light of God's mercy.

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.

Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Beloved of God, thrill and rejoice in God's goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

+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

God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star you led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC One Small Child David Meece
Jackie Allen - Soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters
Coordinator of Family Ministries

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

O God, nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn. By the compelling radiance of your Spirit, draw us near, reveal your truth, and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PREPARATION MUSIC Star Child Carlton B. Young

+GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

HYMN OF ADORATION Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER
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 What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee Robert Elmore

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.**

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending Forth

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Go forth into the world. Proclaim the good news of Christ. Receive the inheritance of God's promise. Live in the light of the gospel.

God, ruler of heaven and earth, dismiss you in peace; Jesus Christ, light of the world, uphold you in love; the Holy Spirit, revealer of God's mystery, lead you in truth.

+POSTLUDE Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Harold DeCou

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 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.

New Blended Worship Service

Beginning next Sunday, January 10, there will be two worship services offered at 8:45 AM and 10:00 AM. The 8:45 AM service will be a Blended Worship Service featuring blended Christian music played by Philip Eyrich, our Director of Blended Worship Music, and the 10:00 AM, liturgical service, will feature Traditional Christian music played by David Hamblin, our Director of Music.

Join our Praise Team!

Do you like Contemporary Christian music? On Thursday, January 7, at 5:00 PM, Philip Eyrich will be hosting an informal meeting in the Sanctuary for anyone interested in singing with our Praise Team. Music will be provided. The Praise Team will lead music at our new 8:45 AM Blended Worship Service beginning January 10.

Serving Today.

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse

Acolyte: James teVelde

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 28 2020

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

OFFERING.....\$553,367.00

OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING

YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND

GLOBAL MISSIONS.....\$455,408.00

Coming from:

DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION

GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....\$111,958.00

(19% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL

PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....\$273,450.00



**LIGHTHOUSE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

of
BOCA GRANDE

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

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



Today we celebrate Epiphany, which falls on January 6 and is the climax of the Christmas season and the twelve days of Christmas. The term epiphany is Greek and means "to manifest" or "to show." The Epiphany season is associated with the first manifestation of Jesus—to the wise men, in his presentation in the temple, in his baptism, to his disciples, and in his first miracle. Today's lesson from Isaiah speaks of the light that will arise upon all people. In Matthew, the wise men also follow a light—a star that guides them to the Christ child, revealing to the world that this small infant is Lord and King, worthy of praise and worship.