

# 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  
and celebrate adoption as God's forgiven children.

**PRELUDE** *Baptized in Water*  
traditional Gaelic melody, arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

**SHARING THE LIGHT MOMENT** SOLVE Maternity Homes  
Peggy Kerwin, Executive Director

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139**  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

**+OPENING PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been  
baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended  
upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant  
that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy  
Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**+SUNG RESPONSE** "Glory Be to God, Creator" RENEWED  
**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, holy, Prince of Peace,  
holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Peters

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Come, Be Baptized*  
G. Alan Smith, arr. Jack Schrader

**HYMN OF ADORATION #347** "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rebecca deRosa  
We pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, have Mercy**

**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.**

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**  
Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
as we hear your word this morning, may we recognize him as  
our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 127 OT Page #541  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 21:12-17 NT Page #22  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**HOMILY** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**FORWARD IN FAITH CELEBRATION** Ross Witschonke

## Response

We respond by lifting our prayers,  
and praising the triune God.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**OFFERTORY** *God of this City* Praise Team  
Aaron Boyd, Andrew McCann, Ian Jordan, Peter Comfort, Peter Kernaghan  
and Richard Bleakley

## Sending Forth

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

**+POSTLUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* Terry Kirkland

**THE RITE OF DEDICATION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**+BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**There will be Hospitality in Fellowship Hall following the  
Forward in Faith Building Dedication and Open House today.  
Please take a moment to see all that God has done over  
these past few months at Lighthouse Church:**

**The Administrative Offices including the Reception area,  
financial office, and pastor's office;  
The W.I.L.D. Education Center where our children attend  
Sunday School and strengthen their faith journey;  
The new Missions Reception and informational area;  
The new conference room and access elevator.**

**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.bgighthouseumc.com](http://www.bgighthouseumc.com) or contact the church office  
at [info@bgighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bgighthouseumc.com).**

## Connect Card



Welcome! We'd like to help you get con-  
nected. 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](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com)

### Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available throughout the summer. Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ellie Durno at [durno1@comcast.net](mailto:durno1@comcast.net)

### Chatham Rabbits at Lighthouse UMC

**January 15, 7pm** The duo favors rustic, minimalist acoustic arrangements—mainly clawhammer-style banjo and guitar—that showcase old-time reverence with their songwriting. Tickets are available in the church office for \$25 each and benefit the church's mission projects.

### January Worship Services

Worship Service this week will be held at 10:00 AM. Beginning Sunday, January 16, we will offer a blended worship service at 8:30 AM and a traditional service at 10:30 AM. Hospitality will be offered between the two services at 9:30 AM. Children's Church and Sunday School will be offered during the 10:30 service and Youth Study for grades 4 and up will meet immediately following service at 11:30 AM for 30 minutes.

### Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey. We do so through the **WILD Center** where kids **Worship, Inspire, Learn, and Disciple**. We strive to bring Bible stories to life, guide them in going to God in prayer, and grow their personal relationship with Jesus. Children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us following the Children's Message for Sunday School. 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 discussions while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

### Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

Members of our Mission Committee continue to collect nonperishable food items for the local food bank's ever-expanding need. Please place your donations in the blue barrels in front of the church and the administrative offices. They are much appreciated! We have also received a thank you note from Helping Hand for our help with filling backpacks for the homeless.

### Thank You Lighthouse UMW

The UMW Christmas pajama party gathered over 60 pairs of pj's for residents of C.A.R.E., a local Women's Shelter for Rape and Domestic Violence. Thanks to all who participated! Mark your calendars for our next meeting on **Monday, January 17th at 11 AM**. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Representatives from C.A.R.E. will enlighten us about their services.

## Serving Today

**Ushers:** Debby and Rich Houck  
**Liturgist:** Peter Soderberg  
**Hospitality Hosts:** Gloria and John Mitchell  
Debby and Rich Houck  
**Acolyte:** James teVelde

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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 January 3, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$ 2,294.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$ 2,184.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$ 2,084.00
(42% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$ 0.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$ 100.00



January 9, 2022

Forward in Faith Dedication Sunday

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



Today in worship we thank God for the completion of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church Forward in Faith project. We are honored to have guests who were instrumental in making the work happen. We also are honored to welcome back some of our past staff to this celebration. At the conclusion of the service all are invited to the newly renovated areas for a brief Rite of Dedication.