

## 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!

### NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse United Methodist Church as a professing member, please contact Amanda Pearsall at [apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please ask the ushers for directions to Classroom A, where elementary school aged children will experience hands on learning during the service. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church administrative office at 941-964-2479 if you can help!

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We welcome all children and teenagers into the life and ministry of this congregation. For more information regarding our children's and youth ministries please contact Ruth Amen at 941-276-0654 or Cheryl Schum at 336-391-0133.

### STEPHEN MINISTERS

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2, NRSV). Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay care-givers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high quality confidential, Christ centered care to people who are hurting. Lighthouse Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. For more information please call 941-964-2479. Brochures are also available in Fellowship Hall.

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please join us in the administrative offices every Thursday at 8:00am for prayer and bible study! All are welcome!

### SPECIAL THANKS

To all the volunteers who helped in the Christmas Decoration "Tear Down" last (January 2) Saturday!

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Psalm 36: 5-10, John 2: 1-11  
"To the Brim"

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

**Ushers:** Helen and Nick Kaiser

**Acolyte:** Flynn Stewart

**Cross Bearer:** Tanner Stewart

**Liturgist:** Ray Smedley

**Accompanist:** Al Nethery

**Choir Director:** Carol Elwood

**Hospitality Hosts:** Billie & Mac Deason/Elise & Bob Elliott

**Audio Visual Technology:** Grant Reeher

**Children and Youth Ministry:** Cheryl Schum & Leslie Barrett



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

January 10, 2016

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light

Baptism of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The Epiphany season celebrates the revealing of Christ. Traditionally it marks the three events: the visit of the magi, the baptism of Christ, and his first miracle—Jesus' transforming water into wine at Cana. As our response to the baptism of Jesus, we renew our own baptismal covenant with our Lord. We recall the three elements of our baptism—our stripping of all that stands between us and God, our washing in the water that cleanses us and drowns our sin, and our being clothed in the garments of righteousness, the new vocation of discipleship. Therefore today is a call to holiness of life and renewed vocation.

# Service of Worship

+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  
and register your attendance in the registration pad.  
The prelude signals the beginning of worship.

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Dennis R. Johnson

### +RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.  
People: **What have we done to deserve God's love.**  
Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.  
People: **Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,**  
Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.  
People: **Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us.**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #604

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God" *Christe Sanctorum*

### +OPENING PRAYER

Leader: 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 our 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, for ever and ever.  
All: **Amen**

### +GLORIA PATRI #70

**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. Amen.**

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you  
People: **And also with you**

### +SONG OF PEACE #608

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" Azmon

### WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Come, Be Baptized  
G. Alan Smith Choir

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

### MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*It is our honor to pray with you and for you. If you have a prayer request that you would like listed on our prayer list, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.*

All: **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, the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 8: 14-17: Pew Bible OT Page 599

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8: 14-17 Pew Bible NT Page 118

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" vs. 1,2 Stuttgart

*\*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 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible NT Page 55

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" vs. 3,4 Stuttgart

### +PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HOMILY Down to the River Reverend Matthew M. Williams

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE *Baptized in Water* Soloist, Jackie Allen  
Arr. David Evans

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* James Pethel

+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!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS #33 *Baptismal Covenant 1*

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" *Beach Spring*

+BENEDICTION Ephesians 3: 20-21

Leader: Now to him who is unable to do immeasurably more than all  
We ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with  
In us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through  
Out all generations, for ever and ever! In the Name of the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

+POSTLUDE *Christ for the World We Sing!* Lani Smith

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

By offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we are able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local congregation and our missional initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!