

# 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.*  
*A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions.*

### WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** (9:55)  
*Greensleeves* Richard Purvis  
*Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #254**  
“We Three Kings” *Kings of Orient*

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**  
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**+CONFESSION AND PARDON**  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70** Meineke  
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**  
The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

**+SONG OF PEACE #608**  
“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” Azmon

**WORHSIP IN MUSIC**  
*Come, Be Baptized* G. Alan Smith/arr. J. Schrader Lighthouse Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Tabitha Jordan  
*Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A*

### WE HEAR THE WORD

**PRAYER OF 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**  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 Pew Bible OT Page 649  
The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

**+GRADUAL HYMN #252 to tune 514**  
“When Jesus Came to Jordan” vs. 1-2 Webb

**+GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1: 4-11 Pew Bible NT Page 32  
The Word of God for the People of God  
*Thanks be to God*  
*The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.*

**+GRADUAL HYMN #624**  
“When Jesus Came to Jordan” vs. 3 Webb

**HOMILY** Reverend Matthew M. Williams

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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.

*\*universal*

### HYMN OF ADORATION #347

(vs. 1)  
“Spirit Song” Spirit Song

**MORNING PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** *Baptized in Water* Gilbert M. Martin

**+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**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**  
*Meditation on “Beach Spring”* Ronald A. Nelson

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church as an open communion.  
All are invited to partake regardless of denomination or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**  
*As you come forward to receive the bread and the cup you are invited to touch the waters of the Baptismal Font and remember your baptism.*  
*The Minister will say: Remember your Baptism and be thankful.*

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* Lani Smith  
*Chorale Meditation on “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”* Robert Lau

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD**

**+CONVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION #607**

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #152**  
“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” Forest Green

**+BENEDICTION** Reverend Matthew M. Williams  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. *Amen.*

**+POSTLUDE** *Postlude on “Puer Nobis”* Franklin Ritter

### 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**

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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. A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions. 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!

### UMW VISIT TO ECHO JANUARY 15TH, 2018

Ladies, we will be carpooling to ECHO, one of our local missions, just north of Ft. Myers. Departing the church at 8:00AM and returning by 3:00PM. ECHO is a research and teaching center focusing on sustainable farming for people in remote parts of the world. Please bring a sack lunch and something to drink. We will have a private tour of their facility and then lunch under the pavilion. The cost is \$10.50, paid at the gate. Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen as weather dictates. PLEASE SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL BY SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH. Contact Pam Hannah with questions at 964-1176

### 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.

Please RSVP to [aapersall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:aapersall@bglighthouseumc.com)  
or 941-964-2479

### LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH TOWN MEETINGS

The Church Council and the Building Committee invite all members and friends of Boca Grande Lighthouse church to attend a Town Hall Meeting in order to share information about the church's remodeling projects, as well as the office remodeling and expansion project. This is your opportunity to learn more and share your thoughts. There will be two Town Hall meetings in the sanctuary: One on Tuesday, January 16 at 4 PM, and another on Sunday, January 21 at 2 PM.

### MOM'S NIGHT OUT – Mondays at 5:30 PM

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 31, 2017

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$564,000.00</u></b>
<b>PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED</b>	<b><u>\$571,346.00</u></b>
<b>MISSION GIVING</b>	<b><u>\$172,662.00</u></b>

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

**Ushers:** Mary Foree & Bill Cunningham

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer:** Hannah Amen &  
Abigail Turner

**Communion Stewards:** Dian & Richard Klepser

**Liturgist:** Joan Senior

**Hospitality Hosts:** Becca & Carlo deRosa  
Cindy Crespo, Sexton

David Hamblin, Director of Music

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Mike Hilton, Audio Visual Technology

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



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January 7, 2018

Epiphany—Baptism of the Lord

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



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