

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 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
from Psalmodia Sacra arr. Edward Broughton
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

SHARING THE LIGHT MOMENT Mitch and Debbie Martinez

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The teVelde Family
Reader One: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope
we have in the promise of the Lord's
coming.
Reader Two: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the
house of Israel and the house of Judah.
A righteous Branch will spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land.
All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

+OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Holy One, you have promised us
that the day of our salvation is near.
Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer,
so that we may stand with confidence and joy
at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

+SUNG RESPONSE GLORIA
Glory be to God on High!
Glory be to Jesus Christ!
Glory to the Spirit, Son!
Glory to the Three in One!
Gloria, In excelsis Deo! Gloria, In excelsis Deo!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Prepare the Way of the Lord
Jane Webb - soloist arr. Mark Hayes

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
**O Lord our God, make us watchful, and keep us faithful to your
word as we await the coming of your Son; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT Page #694
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #719
"My Lord, What A Morning" BURLEIGH

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-7 NT Page #56
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

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

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs 1) "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Larry Hannah
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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY Creator of the Stars of Night PLAINSONG
arr. Robert Lau

+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 The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Sending Forth

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #213
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

+POSTLUDE Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle arr. Henry Balcombe

*Today's altar flowers are given by Sara and Curt Mall
in honor of their wedding anniversary on November 29.*

*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.bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office
at info@bglighthouseumc.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

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

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-3rd 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.

Youth Group Christmas Event

Students in fourth grade and up are invited to join us following service until 1:30pm on December 5 for lunch and a Nativity Escape Room event. We'll be meeting in the new Leopard Lair classroom and prizes will be awarded for "escaping".

United Methodist Women

This year our Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Boca Grande Club on Friday, December 10th, at 11 am. The cost is \$35. We ask all to bring new, unwrapped women's or children's pajamas of any size to donate to the shelter. Most often the residents at the shelter simply come with just the clothes they are wearing. Games and holiday cheer promise to make this an event not to miss! Make checks out to UMW and indicate your choice of chicken or shrimp for the salad entree. Please RSVP to the church office by December 1.

The UMW has plans for an inspiring and colorful year as we joyfully gather in person again. Our new commitment is to CARE, a local shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. There is an excellent series on Netflix called MAID. It is based on a memoir of author Stephanie Land and stars Angie McDowell and her real-life daughter. Ignore the bad language and learn about the plight of women attempting to escape domestic violence to start a new life. The acting is superb and the story inspiring and enlightening.

Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of the Lighthouse UMC Missions Committee, 20 families received turkeys for a brighter Thanksgiving dinner. They continue to accept donations of all non-perishable food items in the blue barrels located at the front entrance of the church and at the administrative offices entrance. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Serving Today

Ushers: Gloria and John Mitchell
Liturgist: Colvin McCrady
Hospitality Hosts: Ann Treat, Kathi Husted, Marsy Doan
Acolyte: Amelia 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 November 22, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$526,411.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$340,627.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$113,965.00
(20% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$201,662.00



November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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



Our Scripture readings today point to the new season of Advent, where we look to the first and second comings of Christ. Jeremiah prophesies centuries before Jesus' birth that a Savior will come from God, out of the line of David. Paul calls the Thessalonian church to live in love and holiness as they await the return of Christ. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus himself prophesies the terrifying signs that will accompany his return, and urges us to wait expectantly. Through Scripture, prayer, and song we await the Lord Jesus, who is Emmanuel—God with us.