

### 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.

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

arr. Mark Hayes

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jane Webb - soloist

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** Jeremigh 33:14-16

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SPIRIT SONG

Larry Hannah

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

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

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs 1) "Spirit Sona"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

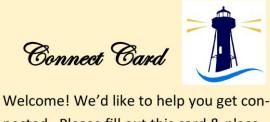
Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle arr. Henry Balcombe

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.

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# Connect Card



nected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate. Let us know how we can reach out to you! Zip Phone 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.

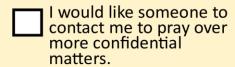
Please pray for
Requested by

Date			

Phone number ( )

Email

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT 941-964-2479



# 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 durno 1@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-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.

# **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!



Ushers: Gloria and John Mitchel 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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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant

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 INDIVIDUALCONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS	<u>\$201,662.00</u>



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.