

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

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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7, 2016

Separate rehearsals for men and women will begin at 4 PM followed by a combined rehearsal from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. I am planning for the choir to begin singing at the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, January 10. There will be a brief warm up rehearsal, on Sundays, beginning promptly at 10 AM in the sanctuary. While I am looking forward to the return of familiar faces and voices, it is my hope that there will be some new voices joining in fellowship as we share our time and talents while lifting our voices in musical praise to God. God's blessings to each of you during this season of anticipation and fulfillment, as well as in the new year. **David Hamblin**

SPECIAL THANKS

To all the volunteers who did such a beautiful job of decorating Lighthouse Church for Christmas last Saturday!

TODAY AT 5:00 PM
A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
IN THE SANCTUARY
Reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall

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

Ushers: Dian and Richard Klepser

Acolyte: Abigail Turner

Cross Bearer: Liam Hugger

Liturgist: Candy Rost

Hospitality Hosts: Lois and Bob Swoveland

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reeher

Children and Youth Ministry: Cheryl Schum & Leslie Barrett

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 PM

Family service with Children's Pageant

This service will feature familiar carols and readings, children and youth as a part of telling the Christmas Story, and video clips from popular Christmas films as a part of the sermon. There will be a Christmas gift for children as you exit the Sanctuary. All ages are welcome!

7:00 and 9:00 PM

Candlelight Communion Services

These services will feature pre-service music for prayer, a processional, familiar carols, special music, readings, and sung Holy Communion. Both services will conclude with candle lighting from the Christ Candle, the singing of 'Silent Night', and quietness. All ages are welcome!

Invite your family and friends to be a part of these meaningful times of worship as we honor the Christ Child who is Emmanuel, God With Us.

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

December 13, 2015

Receiving the Light, Sharing the Light, Being the Light

Third Sunday of Advent



In the third week of Advent, God's promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. The prophet Zephaniah speaks words of rejoicing, reminding the people of Israel that God is in their midst, promising them salvation and flourishing. The gospel lesson in Luke describes John the Baptist exhorting people to "bear fruits worthy of repentance," while also promising that someone more powerful than he is coming to bring about the kingdom of God. A new day is dawning, and there is cause for rejoicing.

Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

+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 "Prince of Peace! A Christmas Medley" arr. Eyrich

+RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People: **Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

People: **Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things
God has done.**

Leader: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

All: **Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah!**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #250

"Once in Royal David's City" Irby

+CONFESSION OF SIN

All: **O God of the ages and ages to come, make us watchful
as we await the coming of your Son our Savior. When
he comes, may he find us not sleeping in sin but awake,
and rejoicing in his praises.**

Bring to light things hidden in the darkness, even the
sinful shadows of our hearts. Forgive and cleanse us,
that we may walk in your light, and glorify your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession and Pardon

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel. In the name of Jesus
Christ we are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God!
Amen!**

+GLORY TO GOD

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!
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Gloria

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

+SONG OF PEACE #242

"Love Came Down at Christmas" Gartan

SHARING THE LIGHT SOLVE Maternity Homes Peggy Kerwin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Barrett Family

Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle) vs. 3 See insert

The liturgy is read followed by the response of the people

And we will light a candle to help us remember that Jesus is near.

The peace of God will keep us in Christ Jesus.

The Third Candle is Lit

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 re-
quest 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.**

MESSAGE IN SONG *Mary, Did You Know?* Lynda Jamison, Soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Pew Bible OT Page 826

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

+SONG OF PREPARATION #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

**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: 7-18 Pew Bible NT Page 56

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

+SONG OF PREPARATION #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Reverend Dr. John Shultz
President, Ashland Theological Seminary

SERMON "What Should We Do? (Arguing with your GPS)"

Reverend Dr. John Shultz

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
J.S. Bach, Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Tom Fettke

+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 THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Ellacombe

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel**

+POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Eyrich

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!

WELCOME TO REV. DR. JOHN SHULTZ AND GUESTS

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