

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION "TEAR DOWN"

Please join us for Fun and Fellowship on Saturday, January 2 as we pack up the Christmas decorations until next year. A sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall.

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

Begin January 17 at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Next Week: January 3, 2016
Epiphany Sunday
"Follow the Star"
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

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

Ushers: Ron and Jane Wittenberg

Acolyte: Ava Reeher

Cross Bearer: Elizabeth Schum

Liturgist: Jane Caple

Hospitality Hosts: Susan Hanafée & Ian Rogerson

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

December 27, 2015

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



The first Sunday after Christmas often celebrates the feast of the Holy Family, and in the scripture lessons today we come to know that biblical families (like our own) knew challenge and difficulty. In the gospel lesson from Luke, a precocious Jesus escapes from his parents after the Festival of Passover. He is eventually found in the Temple, where he has been astonishing all the teachers with his questions and understanding.

Service of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas Day

+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

"The Angels Sing" Mendelssohn/French Melody

+RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We who walk in darkness

People: Have seen a great light:

Leader: A light that is a joy for all the earth,

People: A light that announces new life.

Leader: In joy we greet this light.

All: In this light we see that our savior has come.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #224

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" In Dulci Jubilo

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITHA Christmas Affirmation

I believe in Jesus Christ and the beauty that began in Bethlehem.

I believe in Him whose spirit glorified a little town; of whose coming only the shepherds saw the signs, and for whom the crowded inn could find no room.

I believe in Him whom the kings of earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose paths were among the common people, whose welcome came from people of hungry hearts.

I believe in Him who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

Whose cradle was a mother’s arms, whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at men and women and made them see what His love saw in them; who by his love brought sinners back to purity, and lighted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my everlasting need of God: the need of forgiveness for my greed and selfishness, the need of life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ: the steadfastness of friends, hearts made kind at Christmas, the courage of those who dare to resist all passion, hate and war. I believe that only by love expressed shall the earth at last be purified.

And I pray that redemption might begin in me. Amen.

+GLORY TO GOD

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

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+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

+SONG OF PEACE #229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W Zlobie Lezy

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 148 Pew Bible OT Page 550

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-17 Pew Bible NT Page 190

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

+SONG OF PREPARATION #249

"There’s a Song in the Air" vs. 1,2 Christmas Song

*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 2: 41-52 Pew Bible NT Page 55-56

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

+SONG OF PREPARATION #249

"There’s a Song in the Air" vs. 3,4 Christmas Song

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

SERMON

Growing Up Fast Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Timothy R. Matthews, arr. Tom Fettke

+DOXOLOGY #94

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 #251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It on the Mountain

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" From Ludwig van Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony

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!