

## 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!

### MISSIO ECCLESIA, A MISSION CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY BISHOP KEN CARTER

A "Church on Mission" Conference February 17-19, 2016

Joining Jesus in His mission requires a new way of being a doing the church. Leading the church whether as a clergy or layperson is tremendously challenging in our post-Christian culture. At Missio Ecclesia/Church on Mission, we will continue this conversation with two missional pioneers, Alan and Debra Hirsch, who are not just theorists but practitioners. We will be challenged, stretched, engaged, comforted and equipped to lead our churches into mission for Jesus. Please pick up registration information in the narthex.

### 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**

### UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL REMINDER

There will be a Committee Chairs Meeting Fellowship Hall  
January 4, 2016 @ 9:45am  
We are looking for Volunteer(s) to help Richard Klepser with pick up duty.  
And, we need donation items for Live and Silent Auctions.

### THANK YOU AND MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Because of your generosity we raised over \$3700 toward our \$7000 goal for the construction of our sister church in Preston, Cuba!

TWO SERVICES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17  
8:30 AND 10:30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN  
BOCA GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE UMC!

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!

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

Ushers: Donna & Jack Harms

Acolyte:

Cross Bearer:

Liturgist: Carol Elwood

Communion Stewards: Candy Rost, Ray Smedley,  
Pam & Larry Hannah

Hospitality Hosts: Carol & Henry Elwood, Melinda Thies,  
John & Julie Dedrick

Accompanying Pianist: Al Nethery

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger

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

January 3, 2016

Receiving the Light, Being the Light,  
Sharing the Light  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY



Today we celebrate Epiphany, which falls on January 6, and is the climax of the Christmas season and the twelve days of Christmas. The term epiphany is Greek and means "to manifest" or "to show". The Epiphany season is associated with the first manifestations of Jesus—to the wise men, in his presentation in the temple, in his baptism, to his disciples, and in his first miracle. Today's lesson from Isaiah speaks of the light that will arise upon all people. In Matthew, the wise men also follow a light—a star that guides them to the Christ child, reveal-



# Service of Worship

Epiphany Sunday

+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 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Gilbert M. Martin

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everlasting God, you brought the nations to your light

**People:** And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;

**People:** Come, true light and bright morning star.

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square

### +INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: 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.

**All:** God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
To reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and  
renewed, we may show forth your glory.

(All pray in silence)

Leader: 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!

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

### +GLORIA PATRI #70

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

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### +SONG OF PEACE #219

"What Child Is This" Greensleeves

## WORSHIP IN MUSIC

*How Shall We Know Him?*

Soloist, David Hamblin

Al Nethery, Accompanist

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

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Pew Bible OT Page 649

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #245

"The First Noel" v. 1-3

*The First Noel*

*\*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

Matthew 2: 1-12:

Pew Bible NT Page 1-2

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People:** Thanks be to God

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #245

"The First Noel" v. 4-5

*The First Noel*

### +PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### HOMILY

"Follow the Star"

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

### OFFERTORY

*Carol of the Manger*

Dale Wood

### +DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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!

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Roger W. Thygerson

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church celebrates an open communion table.

All are invited to partake despite denomination or religious affiliation.

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward and take a wafer, dip it  
into the cup, and partake. You are welcome to kneel at the altars for prayer  
following receiving communion.

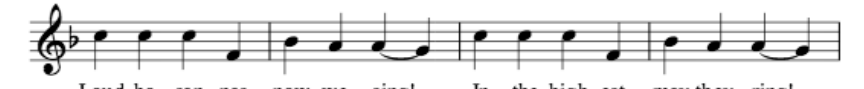
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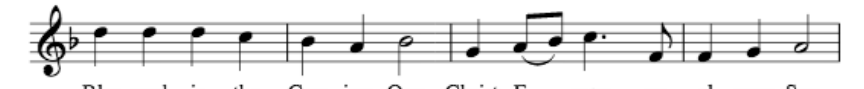
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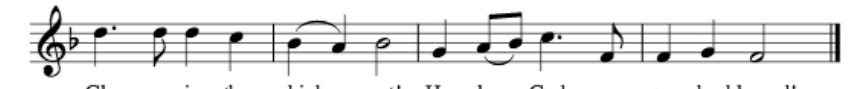
heaven and earth are shin - ing bright with the glo - ry of your light.



Loud ho - san - nas now we sing! In the high - est may they ring!



Bles - sed is the Com - ing One, Christ, E - man - nu - el, your Son.



Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed!

*The pastor recalls the institution of the Lords' Supper*

Pastor : And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we  
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and praises the Trinity*

Pastor: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in  
ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast  
at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God now and for ever.

ALL:



A - men, a - men a - - - men.

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Carol of Remembrance*

Soloist, David Hamblin

Joseph M. Martin

*The Holly and the Ivy*

David H. Hegarty

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Dale Wood

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #254 "We Three Kings"

*Kings of Orient*

### +BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

### +POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Adeste Fideles"*

Eric H. Thiman