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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (9:55) Unto Us a Child Is Born arr. Sharon Roaers Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Palmer and Linda Long (The Liturgy and reading are presented. Then the Congregation will join in the response.) Isaiah 11: 1-10 And so we offer this mysterious prayer: Lord Jesus, quickly come.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

+ASURANCE OF PARDON

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Gloria! In excelsis deo! Gloria! In excelsis deo!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #204	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	McGee
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Children who wish to atten	d Sunday School are dismissed to C	Leslie Barrett lassroom A

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hop-ing, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coning. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 15: 4-13 Pew Bible NT Page 153 The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #216

"Lo. How a Rose E'er Blooming" Es Ist Ein Ros vs. 1-2 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 3: 1-12 Pew Bible NT Page 2 The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #216

JOYS AND CONCERNS

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 3 Es Ist Ein Ros

SERMON A Geography of Salvation Reverend Matthew M. Williams A Tangible Hope

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

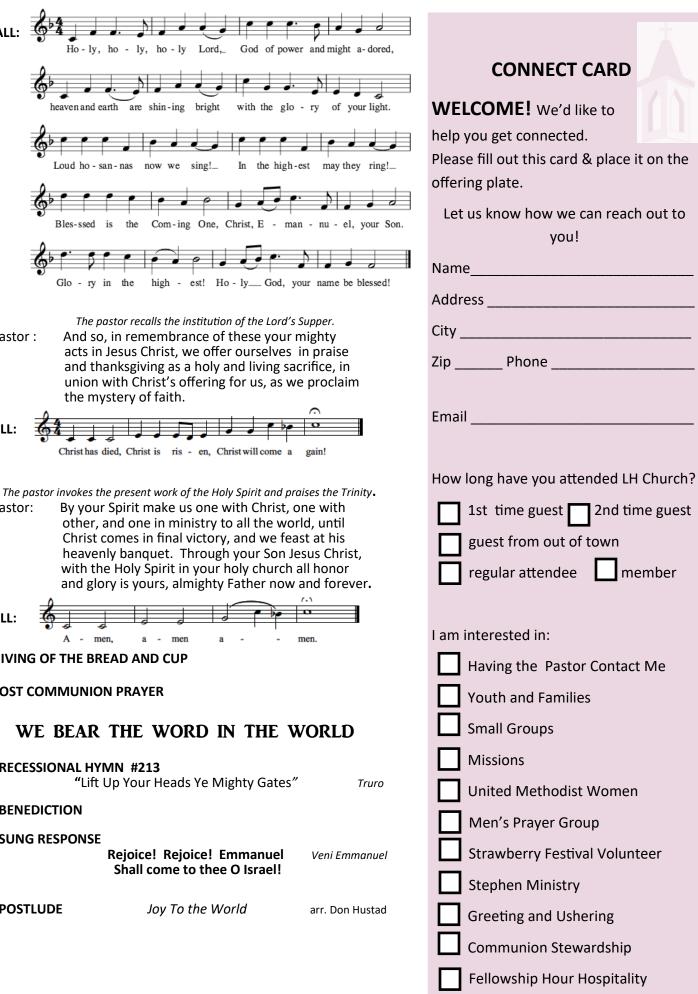
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MORNING PRAYER			Tabitha Jordan		
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+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION					

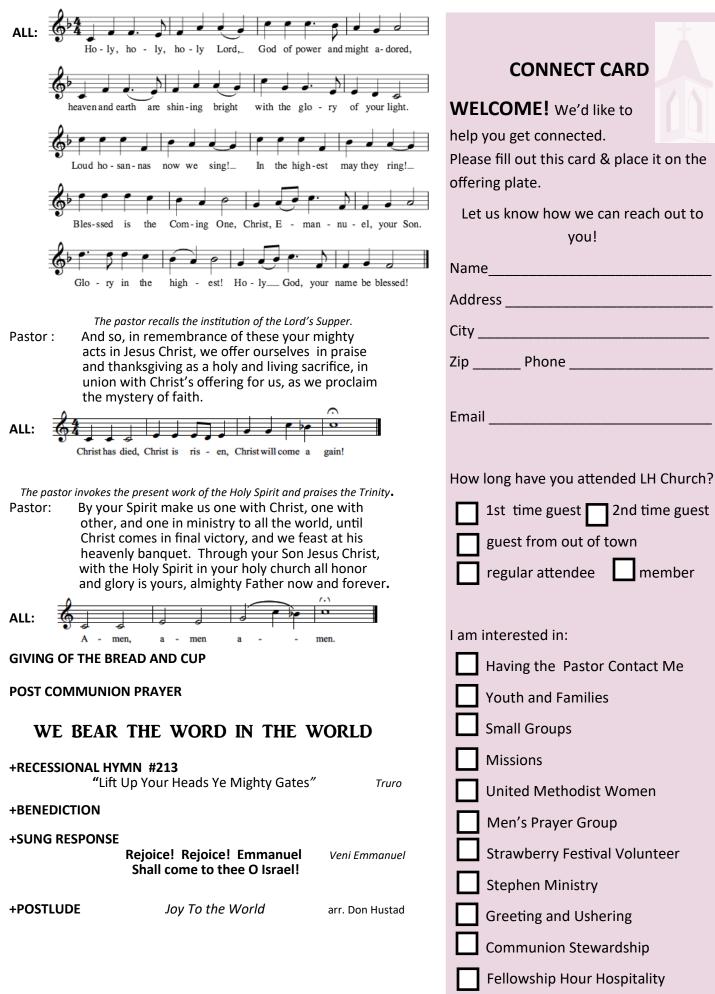
COMMUNION MEDITATION Commune With Me arr. Carol Turnguist

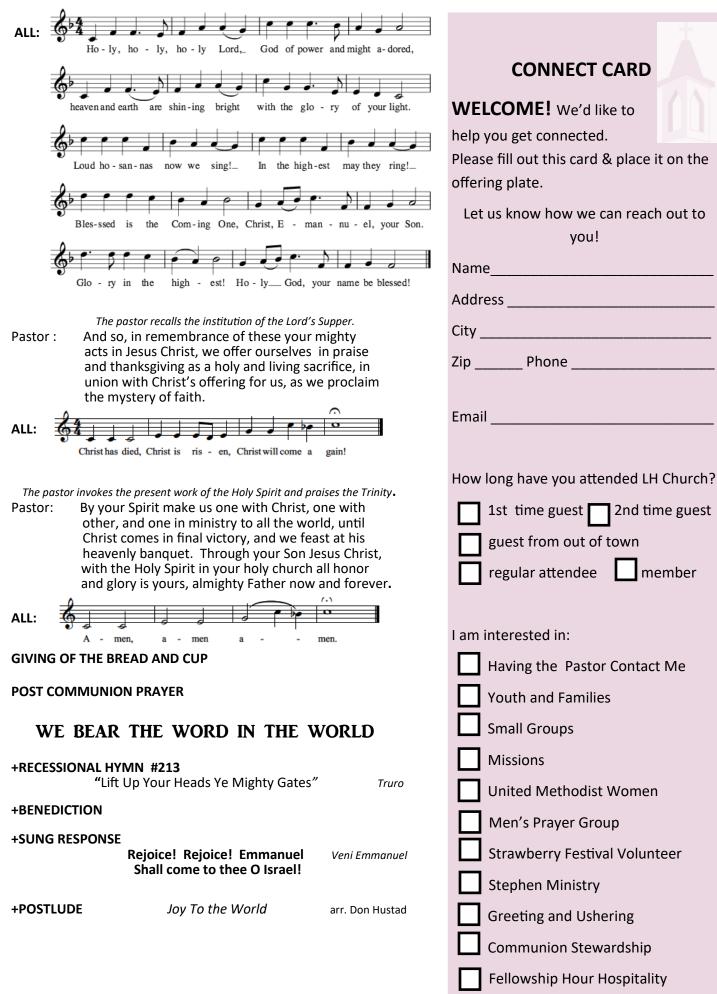
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion. All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward. Communion will be served at the altar rails.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING				
Pastor:	The Lord be with you.			
People:	And also with you.			
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts			
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.			
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.			
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.			
The pastor gives thanks remembering God's acts of salvation.				
Pastor:	And so, with your people on earth and all the			
	company of heaven we praise Your name and join			
	their unending hymn.			







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 UP-DATED AT 941-964-2479

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

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!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall today to provide cookies for the reception following the Lessons & Carols Service on December 11 @ 5:00 PM.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Boca Grande Women's Club sponsored tree lighting is this Sunday (Dec. 4) at 5 PM, across from Hudson's Grocery. This is an interfaith event and all are welcome to attend.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CAROLYN FREDERICK

Please join us Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary of Lighthouse Church for a celebration of the life of Carolyn Frederick.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with guest organist and soloists. Saturday, December 24: Family Service @ 5:00 PM, Candlelight Services @ 7:00 & 9:00 PM

UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & MEETING DECEMBER 12

Lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall. The program will be Kids Needs. Please bring new sneakers (sizes 10,11,12,13,1,2, & 3) to donate. Please RSVP to Kathi Hustedt at kwhustedt@gmail.com by December 9.

CHOIR REHEARSALS SCHEDULED TO RESUME

"Choir rehearsals will resume on January 5, 2017. We will again start with separate rehearsals for men and women at 4 PM followed by a combined rehearsal from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. It is my plan to have the choir begin singing at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, January 8. There will also be a brief warm up rehearsal, each Sunday, beginning promptly at 10 AM in the sanctuary. It will be wonderful to again experience the return of familiar faces and voices. I sincerely hope that we will see some new faces joining in fellowship as we share our time and talents while lifting our voices in musical praise to God. May each of you be filled with God's abundant blessings during this Advent season of anticipation and fulfillment, and as we enter a new year!" ~ David Hamblin

COME SHARE THE LIGHT! January 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Lighthouse Church will host a musical concert benefitting the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Lynda Jamison will be joined by Rev. Matthew and Joy Williams. Please contact Beth Paxton at 941-830-8179 or mbethpaxton@gmail.com to purchase tickets and they are also available at the church administrative office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!			
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness			
Our gifts as of November 27, 2016			
OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$496,000.00</u>		
PLEDGED TO DATE	<u>\$388,030.00</u>		
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$ 445,801.00</u>		

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

Ushers: Linda and Palmer Long Liturgist: Candy Rost Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner Communion Stewards: Reverend Matthew M. and Joy Williams, Tabitha and Chas Jordan Accompanist: Al Nethery Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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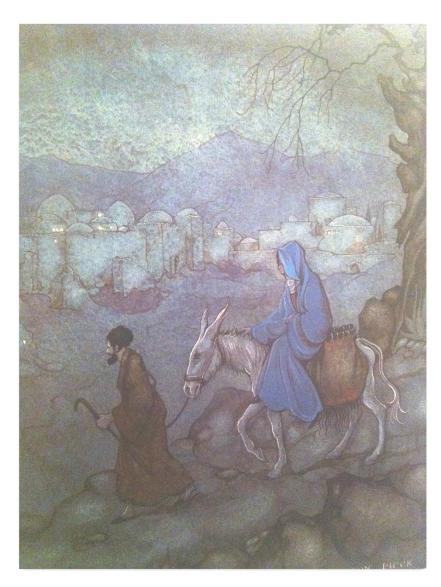
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December 4, 2016 Second Sunday of Advent RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today each carry a theme of promise and hope. In Isaiah a healthy shoot emerges from the people who were seemingly cut dry by political upheaval, and there is hope of a new ruler to come. In his letter to the Romans, Paul gives hope to the Gentiles who will be grafted onto God's covenant people through Christ. Matthew's gospel reveals the radical message of John the Baptist, who calls people to repentance and offers baptism as a sign of cleansing and new life.