

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 *Prince of Peace! A Christmas Medley* Wade/Randolph
Arr. Fettke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Claudia Bentley and Ruth Balogh
*(The Liturgy and reading are presented. Then the
Congregation will join in the response.)*

Isaiah 35: 1-10

And so we offer this mysterious prayer:

Lord Jesus, quickly come.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #200

“Tell Out, My Soul” Woodlands

+OPENING PRAYER

Holy God Loving Christ, Living Spirit;
You are present in the everyday occurrences;
you are revealed in startling and wondrous encounters.
Let the revelation of your mystery unfold again this day,
that we may see it together.
Let the secret of the ages shed new light on our
relationship to you, and each, as we praise the name
of Jesus Christ, Amen. **Amen.**

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Gloria! In excelsis deo!
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Gloria

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 attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary Did You Know?” Lynda Jamison

WE HEAR THE WORD

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, 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 coming. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON James 5: 7-10 Pew Bible NT Page 217

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #198

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God” vs. 1-3 *Morning 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 1: 46b-55 Pew Bible NT Page 53, 54

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #198

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God” vs. 4-5 *Morning Song*

SERMON A Geography of Salvation Reverend Matthew M. Williams

A Desert in Bloom

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 the
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 God’s love saw in them; who by
God’s love brought sinners back to purity,
and lightened 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
for hearts grown cold.**

Continued...

I acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ:

**The steadfastness of friends, the blessedness
of homes, the beauty of compassion, the
miracle of hearts made kind at Christmas,
and 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs. 1) “Spirit Song” *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 CONSECRATION

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #179

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Kingsfold*

+BENEDICTION

+SUNG RESPONSE Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
Shall come to thee O Israel!

+POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* Henry T. Smart

CONNECT CARD



WELCOME! We’d like to
help you get connected.
Please fill out this card & place
it on the offering plate.

Let us know how we can reach out to
you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

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

**Prayer requests are honored until
notification is received otherwise.
Please update us at 941-964-2479**

Date _____

Phone number () _____

Email _____

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!

UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & MEETING DECEMBER 12 at 11:30

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.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS TONIGHT!

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with guest organist and soloists.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 24: Family Service at 5:00 PM, Candlelight Communion Services at 7:00 & 9:00 PM

Sunday, December 25: Worship at 10:00 AM

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.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 8:00 AM in the church administrative office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of November 13, 2016

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$496,000.00</u>
PLEGGED TO DATE	<u>\$388,030.00</u>
PLEGGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$ 479,052.00</u>

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

Ushers: Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson

Liturgist: Marjorie Moore

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist



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

December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



In the third week of Advent, God's promises of new life echo through the scriptures. In Isaiah, a new age is dawning—an age characterized by fertility of the land, the return of the exiles, and healing and safety for those who obey God. In the gospel of Luke, Mary speaks words of praise (often referred to as the Magnificat) in response to her newly revealed pregnancy, marveling at the mysterious works of God.