

# 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)  
*The Angels Sing! A Christmas Medley* Mendelssohn/French Melody  
*Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**  
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people:  
To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
who is Messiah, the Lord,  
***Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace!  
Alleluia!***

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #240**  
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Mendelssohn*

**+OPENING PRAYER**  
O God, you have caused this day to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
***Amen.***

**+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER** *Gloria*  
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 #229**  
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *W. Zibbie Lezy*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *Tabitha Jordan*  
*Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A*

## WE HEAR THE WORD

**+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
Almighty God, as we celebrate with joy the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope; in Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 52: 7-10 *Pew Bible NT Page 642*  
The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION #224**  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” vs. 1-2 *In Dulci Jubilo*  
  
*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** John 1: 1-14 *Pew Bible NT Page 86*  
The Word of God for the People of God  
***Thanks be to God***

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION #224**  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” vs. 3 *In Dulci Jubilo*

**SERMON** We Have Seen His Glory *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

**MORNING PRAYER** *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
**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.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *Tabitha Jordan*

**OFFERTORY**  
*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Timothy R. Matthews, 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** *Tabitha Jordan*

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #246**  
“Joy to the World” *Antioch*

**+BENEDICTION** *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*

**+POSTLUDE**  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
from Ludwig van Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony

## 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!

### 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.

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2016

The annual Strawberry Festival will be Saturday, March 4 from 9-3:00 PM. Donations needed! Please contact Jane Caple, Joy Williams or Gloria Mitchell with questions and for more information.

### LITURGISTS, USHERS, AND HOSPITALITY HOSTS

You are invited to serve as a liturgist, usher, communion stewards, and hospitality hosts. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall along with detailed instructions on the duties. Please consider offering your gifts!

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Church Administrative Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Everyone on staff wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 18, 2016

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$496,000.00</u></b>
<b>PLEGDED TO DATE</b>	<b><u>\$388,030.00</u></b>
<b>PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED</b>	<b><u>\$ 512,454.00</u></b>

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

**Ushers:** Joan and David Senior

**Liturgist:** Candy Rost

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer:** Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

**Audio Visual Technology:** Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher

**Sunday School:** Chas Jordan



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Congregation



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David Hamblin, Director of Music

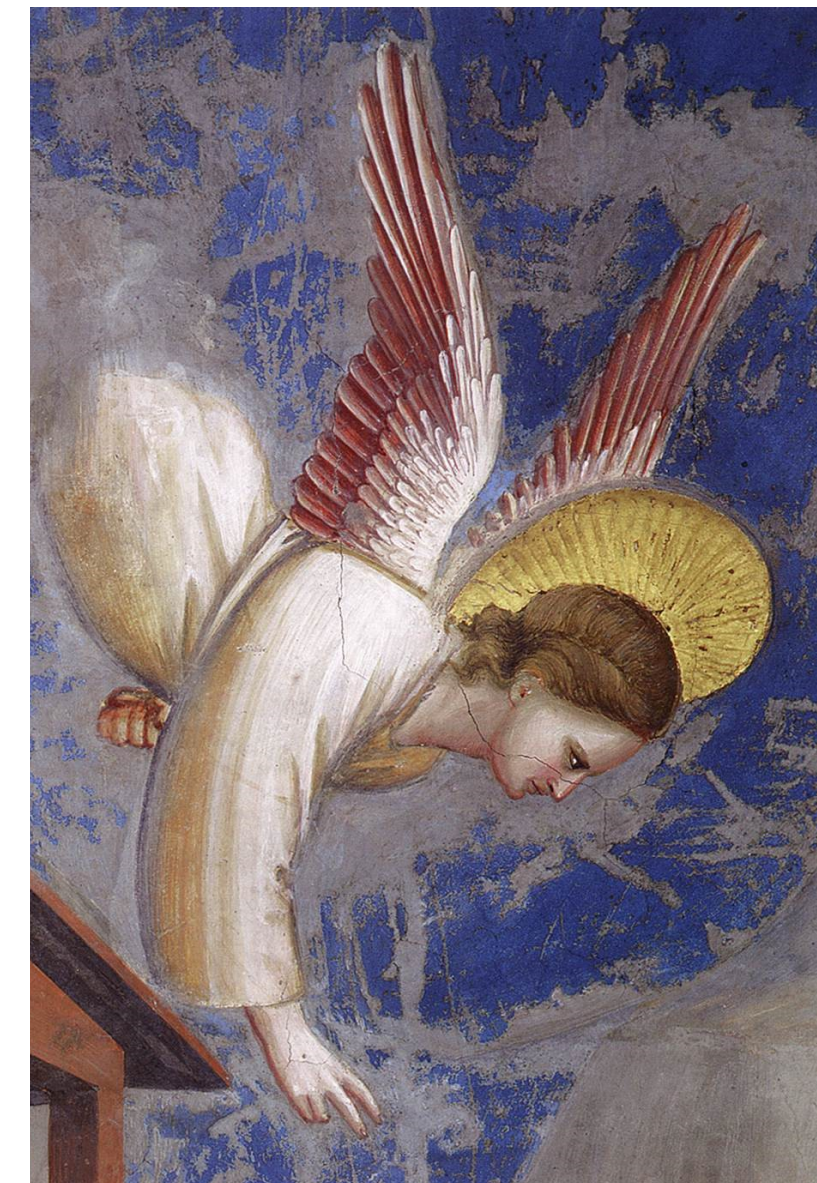
Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist



BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

**December 25, 2016**  
**Christmas Day**

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT**



*O God, your grace has now appeared  
In Mary's tiny boy.  
In this, your story, may we hear  
Good news of wondrous joy.*

~ Carolyn Winfrey Gillette