

# 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.  
For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

## We Gather Around the Word

### PRELUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come* from Erfurt Enchiridia  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Turner Family

Reader One: We light this candle as a symbol of the peace we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader Two: By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us, go give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*

### +OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### +GLORY BE TO GOD, CREATOR

**Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.**

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### +SONG OF PEACE "Let Christmas Come"

Danby

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

### SHARING THE LIGHT

Rhonda Reed  
Caring Partners International

## We Hear the Word

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds through the hearing of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3: 1-4 Pew Bible OT Page 838

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1: 3-11 Pew Bible NT Page 185  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### +GRADUAL HYMN #220 vs. 1-2

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" *Regent Square*

### +GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3: 1-6 Pew Bible NT Page 56  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

### +GRADUAL HYMN #220 vs. 3-4

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" *Regent Square*

### SERMON

Refine The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## We Respond to the Word

### HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song" vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

### MORNING PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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 and ever. Amen**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Jesus, Bread of Life, I Pray Thee* Johann Cruger  
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

### +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 #196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Hyfrydol*

### +BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

### +POSTLUDE

*People, Look East* Traditional French Melody  
Arr. Chris Neal

## 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  
 Singing in the Choir

## 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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

**VISITORS, PLEASE PICK UP A GIFT BAG IN THE NARTHEX AS A  
TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!**

### DO YOU HAVE A YEAR-END IRA OR SEP MANDATORY DISTRIBUTION COMING DUE?

Many of our members probably have 401K IRA accounts, or a SEP (simple IRA). If you are over 70 1/2 years old, the IRS requires a minimum annual distribution from the IRA and they must pay income tax on that distribution. Should you be facing a commitment as to where to distribute these funds, and are fortunate enough to not need these funds to support your retirement, then there is an alternative. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA directly to a recognized charity and avoid paying the extra income tax. The Mission Committee would prayerfully ask you to donate your distribution to the church to augment our Mission's budget, or to particularly earmark the donation to one or more of our 15 sponsored missions. Please contact Cindy Handrick for assistance.

### WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN JANUARY

As an act of radical hospitality for our community, and to accommodate our in-season growth, the Lighthouse Church will begin hosting three Sunday worship services January 6.

8:00 - 8:30 AM

A Service of Word and Table

This service will offer Holy Communion each week and a short homily based on the assigned readings of the day. There will be no musical elements in this service.

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Festive Liturgical Services

These services will be approximately one hour in length and will offer our full liturgy with music. Holy Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS TO RESUME

Choir rehearsals will resume on January 3, 2018. 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 on Sunday, January 6. There will also be a brief warm up rehearsal, each Sunday in the sanctuary. I look forward to the return of familiar faces and voices and hope that we will also have some new faces sharing their time and talents while lifting their 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.

### A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Come share in this special recalling of the Christmas Story through scripture lessons and traditional carols. Sunday, Dec. 16 at 5:00, preceded by an extended musical prelude before the service. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 2, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	\$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$509,946.00
MISSION GIVING	\$128,868.00
UMW MISSIONS	\$59,840.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$1,755,756.00

## Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

**Ushers:** Dian & Richard Klepser

**Cross Bearer:** Abigail Turner

**Acolytes:** Lachlan Barrett & Ian Egbert

**Liturgist:** Carol Elwood

**Hospitality Hosts:** Pam & Larry Hannah

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton



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**A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation**

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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant

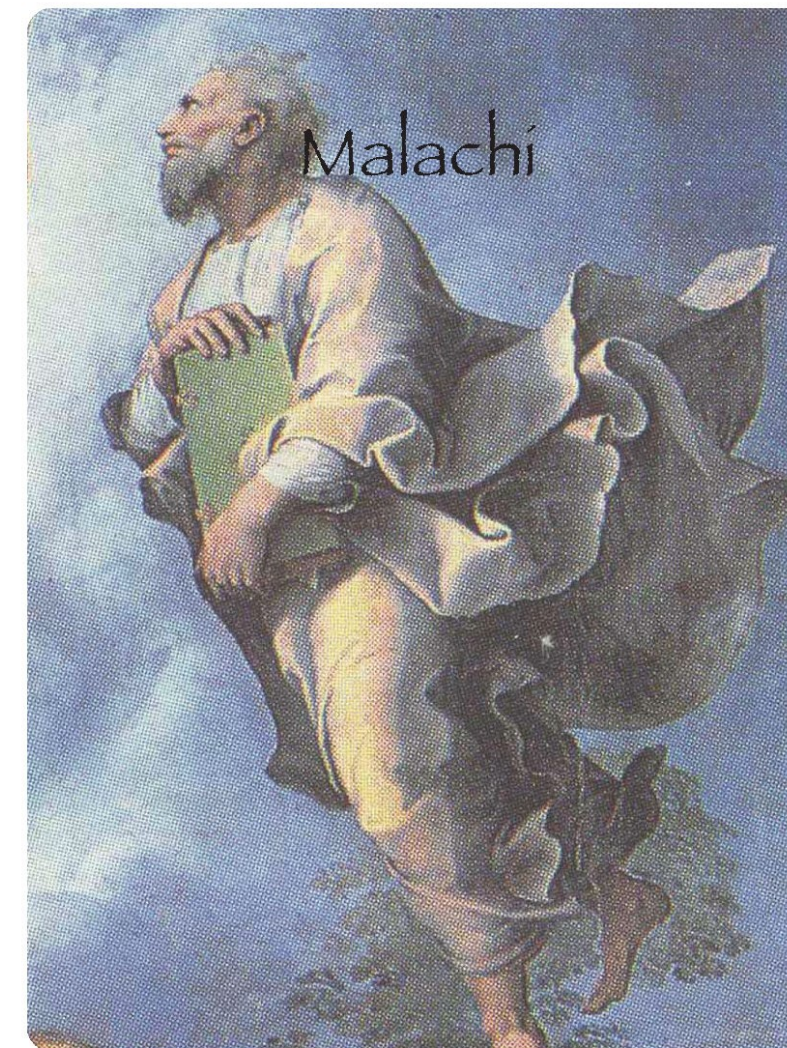


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**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

## December 9, 2018

### Second Sunday in Advent

*Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light*



This morning we hear words from the prophet Malachi who prophesied of the coming Messiah centuries before Jesus' birth. The prophet also tells of the one who was to prepare the way before the coming Lord—John the Baptist. John's ministry begins in Luke's Gospel with a proclamation of the baptism of repentance, and the coming Kingdom of God. We are called to await the coming of Jesus, who will purify and save those who put their faith in him. Lastly, an imprisoned Paul encourages the church at Philippi and us to hold fast in times of trouble, and to labor joyfully for a harvest of righteousness for the Kingdom.