

# 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

*While By My Sheep* Hugo Jungst  
arr. Mark Hayes/ 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

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born; give him glory!  
**Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!**  
**Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**  
O you earth, sing to the Lord!  
**O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #250

*"Once in Royal David's City"* Irby

### +OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you grant us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christ gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 "Within the Shining of a Star" Christmas Hymn

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anna Boney

## We Hear the Word

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: as your word is read and proclaimed, gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Pew Bible OT Page 235

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-17 Pew Bible NT Page 190  
The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

### +GRADUAL HYMN #179 vs. 1-2

*"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"* Kingsfold

### +GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2: 41-52 Pew Bible NT Page 55-56  
The Word of God for the People of God  
*Thanks be to God*

### +GRADUAL HYMN #179 vs. 3-4

*"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"* Kingsfold

### SERMON

A Child Will Teach Them The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## We Respond to the Word

### +A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION

**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 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 lighted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

Continued...

**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 love for hearts grown cold.**

**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.**

### HYMN OF ADORATION #347

*"Spirit Song"* vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

### MORNING PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*O Christ-Child Sweet* German carol  
Arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

### +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 #251

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### +BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

### +POSTLUDE

*Join the Triumph of the Skies!*  
Felix Mendelssohn/John Francis Wade, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## 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 UPDATED 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!**

### WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 6

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.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Forward in Faith Building Committee will meet in an informal session in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM on January 13. Current design plans will be presented and discussed and an update on finances will be provided.

### UMW LUNCHEON MEETING JANUARY 21

The UMW will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 -1:00 Monday, January 21. The guest speaker is from Take Stock in Children for Charlotte County. She will share success stories of high risk students who went on to become college graduates. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Contact Pam Hannah with questions and for more information.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 23, 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:** Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

**Cross Bearer:** Abigail Turner

**Acolytes:** Lachlan Barrett & Ian Egbert

**Liturgist:** Mary Ann Roelse

**Hospitality Hosts:** Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton



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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



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**Lighthouse Church**  
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## December 30, 2018

### First Sunday after Christmas Day

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



The twelve year old Jesus in the temple by Adolph Menzel

In today's Gospel reading we see a twelve year old Jesus become separated from his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. When asked where he was, Jesus replies that he was in his Father's house—astonishing those who heard him asking questions of the teachers in the Temple at Jerusalem. We are given insight into how Jesus grew up, fully God and fully human, as he increased in wisdom and in years. This has parallels to the story of the prophet Samuel, who was dedicated to God by his parents, and who ministered to the Lord from a very young age. In Colossians, Paul teaches the church how to live in love, doing everything in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God our Father through him.