

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.
A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Lani Smith
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader One: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.
Reader Two: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

+INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

+OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Proclamation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation

O Lord our God, make us watchful, and keep us faithful to your word as we await the coming of your Son, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Liturgist
Pew Bible OT Page 594
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #206 vs. 1-2

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Houston

+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24: 36-44 Pew Bible NT Page 26
The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God
The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GRADUAL HYMN #206 vs. 3

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Houston

HOMILY

Facing the Unknown The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs. 1 & 2))

"Spirit Song" Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Savior of the Nations, Come*
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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Edward Dearle

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church is an open communion. All are invited to partake regardless of denomination or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward, take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Because Thou Hast Said harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson
Christian People, Raise Your Song J. Horn's Gesangbuch
Now Let Us from This Table Rise harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending Forth

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #202

"People, Look East" Besancon

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion arr. David Paxton

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 UMC?

- 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 Fellowship 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 _____

Please remember that prayer requests are honored until notification is received otherwise. Please keep us updated so that the prayer lists are current. Call 941-964-2479 or email apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

Thank you!

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! Please pick up a gift bag in the Narthex as a token of our appreciation!

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 5, 2020.

8:00 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.

8:45 & 10:30 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.

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. 8 at 6:00. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dick Cuda – Friday, January 31 at 11:00 AM

The rite of burial will follow the service at the Columbarium.

HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK

The annual Harry Chapin Food drive has begun! Please donate canned and nonperishable foods in the barrels located at the main church entrance and at the Administrative Office at 325 W. Third St. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness

Our gifts as of November 24, 2019

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$520,237.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$163,262.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,796,756.00</u>

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

Ushers: Donna & Jack Harms

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse

Communion Stewards: Kathi Hustedt & Joan Senior

Sunday School: Anna Boney



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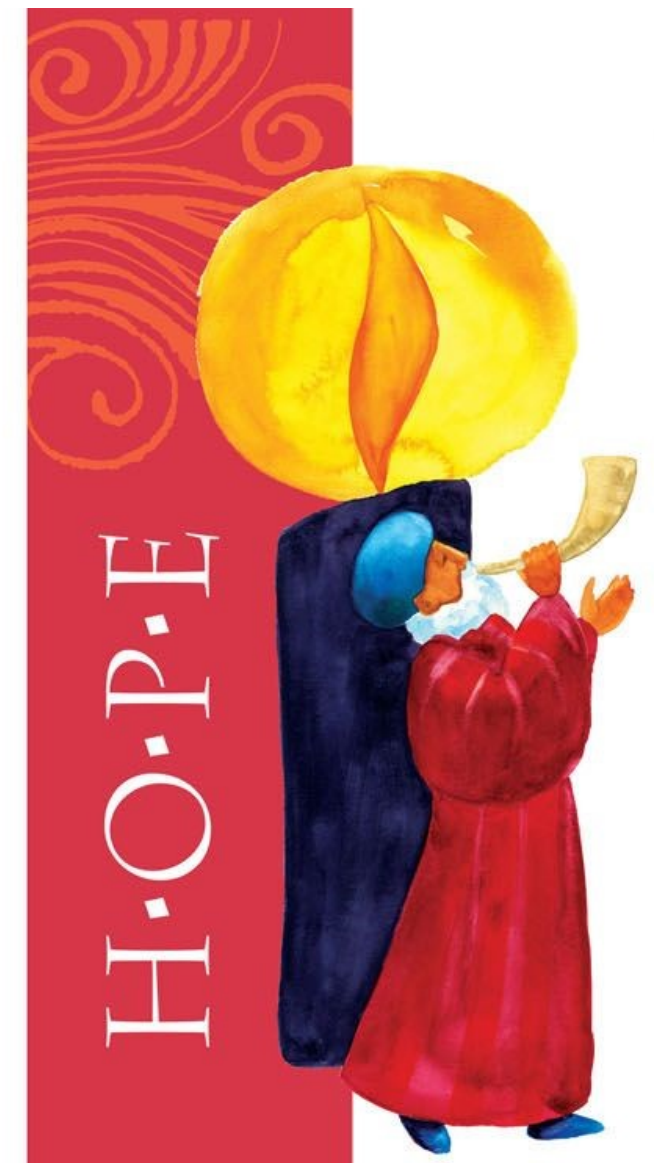


BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light
COMMUNION SUNDAY



Today we enter the season of Advent and the beginning of the church's liturgical year. Advent is the time we anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, both as the incarnate Christ-child, and his future coming to reign in glory. In this morning's Scripture readings, the prophet Isaiah directs Israel to look for the coming King, and the apostle Paul calls us to lay aside the works of darkness. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus urges us to be watchful and spiritually awake for the second coming of the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.