

# 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) *Christmas Is Here* Dale Wood  
*Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Go Tell It On the Mountain* Patsy Ford Sims  
David Hamblin, Soloist Al Nethery, Accompanist

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #254

“We Three Kings” *Kings of Orient*

### +OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### +GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**+SONG OF PEACE #204** “What Child Is This?” *Greensleeves*

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Away in a Manger* Mark Hayes  
David Hamblin, Soloist Al Nethery, Accompanist

### 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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Revelation 21: 1-6a Pew Bible NT Page 244

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #242

“Love Came Down at Christmas” vs. 1-2 *Gartan*

*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** Matthew 25: 31-46 Pew Bible NT Page 27

The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #242

“Love Came Down at Christmas” vs. 3 *Gartan*

### SERMON

A New Beginning Tabitha Jordan

### 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

Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

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

### MORNING PRAYER

Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

### 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

**OFFERTORY** *A Lovely Rose Is Blooming* Johannes Brahms

### +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

### +PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

The Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours. Put to me what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for you or laid beside you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

### +RECESSIONAL HYMN #251

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### +BENEDICTION

Tabitha Jordan

**+POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Dale Wood

### 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

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!

**TWO SERVICES (8:30 & 10:30 AM) RESUME NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 8**

### 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. ~ 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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HELP WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Christmas decorations will be taken down on Tuesday, January 3. Please contact Martin Lyons at 941-964-2660 if you can help

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2017

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. Book donations for Strawberry Festival needed: Contact Joan Senior

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of December 29, 2016

**OPERATING BUDGET** \$496,000.00

**PLEGGED TO DATE** \$391,180.00

**PLEGGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED** \$518,675.00

**Total Giving through our Finance Office in 2016: \$913,004.00**

Including Designated Gifts, Pledges, Memorials, Offerings, and Endowment

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

**Liturgist:** Carol Elwood

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

**Hospitality hosts:** Carol and Henry Elwood

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



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A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation



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David Hamblin, Director of Music

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist



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

**January 1, 2017**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**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