

Service of Worship

9:00 & 10:45 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 *Meditation on "Beach Spring"* Gilbert M. Martin

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

SHARING THE LIGHT ZOE Helps
Chris Steinhelper, ZOE Champion
Ann Eppinger, ZOE Board of Directors

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe Den Herren*

+OPENING PRAYER
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus, in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized in his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *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 an ending,
glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy,
Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence,
holy, holy, holy. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan
Children are welcomed to attend Sunday School

WORSHIP IN MUSIC
"Come, Be Baptized" G. Alan Smith
9:00 Duet, Jackie Allen & David Hamblin 10:45 – Lighthouse Choir

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)
Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children, and in the receiving of your word; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 43: 1-7 Pew Bible OT Page 631-632

+GRADUAL HYMN #611 vs. 1-2
"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *Stuttgart*

+GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible NT Page 56
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #611 vs. 3-4
"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *Stuttgart*

SERMON *"From the Waters"* The Rev. Dr. 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*

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1-2
"Spirit Song" *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

OFFERTORY *When He Cometh* Dale Wood

+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 #539
"O Spirit of the Living God" *Forest Green*

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* 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 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!**

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30 AM – A Service of Word and Table
9:00 AM & 10:45 AM – Festive Liturgical Services

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Building Committee will provide an informational session for the congregation in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM today. 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.

**THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 21, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY.**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 22

A Church Council meeting will be held January 22 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

THE 2019 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR "STUFF"

Cleaning out drawers, closets or storage spaces? If so, the United Methodist Women are happy to accept donations of your unwanted items for the annual Strawberry Festival March 2, 2019. Money from the sale of these items benefits women and children, supporting Charlotte and Lee County charities and others worldwide. If you have household items, jewelry, books, art work, linens, toys and games you would like to contribute, please contact Jan Myers at 941-964-0562 to set up delivery.

USHERS AND LITURGISTS

Please consider serving as ushers and liturgists this winter season. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of January 6, 2019

2019 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$600,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$9600.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$2534.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,788,206.00</u>

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

Ushers: Beth & Ed Paxton, Bo Hamrick & Jim Cooper

Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Acolytes: Lachlan Barrett & Ian Egbert

Liturgists: Nick Kaiser & Mary Ann Roesle

Hospitality Hosts: J.T. & Kathleen Turner

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Carol Elwood, Choir Director

Al Nethery, Accompanist

Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



Today we see and celebrate the humble obedience of Jesus, who was baptized by John, despite being Lord of all, and without sin. As he rises out of the River Jordan the Spirit descends on Jesus, and his Father declares from heaven delight in the Son of God, the beloved. Centuries before, the prophet Isaiah declares the faithfulness of God, who promises to walk through fire and water alongside the Lords' beloved people. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see Jesus' invitation of salvation offered to all who believe in him, and the giving of baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.