

Today's Worship
November 22, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

OPENING PRAYER

Chris Hester

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

HYMN: We Gather Together

PASTORAL PRAYER

Chris Hester

God of infinite patience and power, how it must try your patience to watch us hurl ourselves into a season of greed and grumbling. Your blessings, your bounty, have been poured out to us that we may be strengthened to be your people in service to others. Yet we persist in attaching ourselves to the great "gimmies" of our world--"gimmie toys, gimmie wealth, gimmie power." Today we have gathered here with an opportunity to step out of the race to possess, to praise you and thank you for the wonderful ways in which you have blessed our lives. We spend a lot of time looking for the big blessings, when all around us are the delightful blessings of everyday living--family, home, friends, the ability to enjoy laughter and share tears. There are so many ways in which you have touched our lives with your love. Help us develop for all of our lives an attitude of gratitude, never failing to thank you each day for your love and your blessings. Help us reach out to one another and to all those in need with this compassionate love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

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Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Rob

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, **AMEN.**

CHILDREN'S VIDEO

HYMN Thank You Lord

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: Gratitude of The People

HYMN Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul

BENEDICTION

Chris Hester

Beloved of God, place your whole trust in God's absolute abundant love. Feel the powerful presence of God in your life and know that God's blessings are with you. Go in peace, and may God's peace always be with you. **AMEN.**

We go in peace to : Love Christ Love People and Help People Love Christ. **AMEN.**





McEver Road UMC is Praying For:

Jack Anderson, Jewell and Nancy Armour, Jan Christian, Family of Brenda Crow, Becky Smith, Donna Smith

Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Bill and Liz Anderson, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Kimiko Carlson, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy Chosewood, Gary Clark, Tom Cooper, Terry

Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Paul and Nan Hagerty, Linda Hewell, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Mark Mobarrry, Paul Mobarrry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Step-towe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Hannah Turcotte, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, those fighting cancer

Our Service Men and Women:

Chris Anderson, Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Keenen McDaniel, Mason McDaniel, Jacob Miller, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan

Please contact the church office (770-532-3160) or the Jordans (770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net) for updates to the prayer list.

This Week At a Glance

Today

Children’s Sunday School 9:15AM online
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Joyful Noise Sunday School class 10:15AM, Bagley Annex
(John Wright 770-967-1950, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Garry Glenn’s Sunday School class 10:15, Bagley Annex
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rgglenn@aim.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class 10AM online
(Debbie Durrence 678-833-1214, debbie.durrence@gmail.com)

Monday, Nov. 23

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry, 4-6PM
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Bible Study 7PM Bagley Annex and online
(Chris Hester: chrishester23@gmail.com or 678-936-5127)

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 28

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry, 10AM-12PM
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)

Sunday, Nov. 29

Children’s Sunday School 9:15AM online
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Next Week’s Sermon:

Angels Among Us
Mark 13:24-37



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A United Methodist Community

Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We’re Glad You’re Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can’t carry a note

in a bucket. You’re welcome here if you’re “just browsing,” just woke up or just got out of jail. We don’t care if you’re more Methodist than Asbury, or haven’t been in church since little Joey’s Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you’re having problems or you’re down in the dumps or if you don’t like “organized religion;” we’ve been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you’re welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don’t work, can’t spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ron Clements	11/22
Lloyd Smee	11/23

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Ed and Linda Kern 11/27

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