

**Today's Worship**  
**August 15, 2021**  
**12th Sunday After Pentecost**

**WELCOME** Chris Hester

**GATHERING WORDS**

**MUSIC** **To God Be the Glory** All

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:  
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

**MUSIC** **Majesty** All

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Heather Barrera

**LORD'S PRAYER** All  
**Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. AMEN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **John 5:1-18 (NRSV)** Ms. Barrera

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup> In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup> At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” <sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’” <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. <sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. <sup>16</sup> Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” <sup>18</sup> For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

**MUSIC** **Amazing Grace** All

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we'd first begun.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Mr. Hester

**SERMON** **What Does It Mat-ter?**

**MUSIC** **There's Something About that Name** All

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; There's just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus; Like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; Let all heaven and earth proclaim;  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name!

**BENEDICTION** Ms. Barrera

**McEver Rd Church  
is Praying For:**



Livvy Cotton  
Chris Elliott (Lisa Crow's son-in-law)  
Family of Irene England (Smees)  
Family of Jan Johnson (Dynelle Martin's mother)  
Family of Demetrio (Luy) Mucun (HUGS Guatemala)

**Continued Prayers For:**

Pat Adams, Bill Anderson, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Jill Johnson, Luci King, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, Mark Mobarrry, Paul Mobarrry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Carol and Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, all fighting cancer

**Our Service Men and Women:**

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

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**Opportunities This Week**

*Monday, Aug. 16*  
Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex  
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, [friendofguatemala@gmail.com](mailto:friendofguatemala@gmail.com))

*Tuesday, Aug. 17*  
Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News  
(Jean Prezel [jeanprezel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprezel@gmail.com), 678-720-6945)

Bible Study 7PM virtual  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com))

*Thursday, Aug. 19*  
Bible Study 10:30AM virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Wesley Small Group at Sherry and Rob Bruce's home  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Young Wesley Small Group at Jennifer and Johnny Sepulveda's home  
(Jennifer Sepulveda 678-780-6421, [jsep41914@gmail.com](mailto:jsep41914@gmail.com))

*Saturday, Aug. 21*  
Alpha Delta Kappa, 10AM Pavilion  
(Jean Prezel [jeanprezel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprezel@gmail.com), 678-720-6945)

*Sunday, August 22*  
Children's Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex sunroom  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com))

Pages Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex classroom  
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, [rgglenn@aim.com](mailto:rgglenn@aim.com))

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School class  
10AM Bagley Annex garage  
(Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, [ljordan4751@charter.net](mailto:ljordan4751@charter.net))

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex basement  
(John Wright 404-281-9820, [grampajohngrumps@gmail.com](mailto:grampajohngrumps@gmail.com))

Worship 11AM pavilion and streaming online  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Love on Tap 2PM at Left Nut Brewery (2100 Atlanta Hwy., Gainesville)  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Book Discussion Group 4PM virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

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*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

Rob Bruce	8/15	Bill Venable	8/20
Brad Mathis	8/15	Terry Lawrence	8/21
Nelda Wright	8/17	Becky Tomlin	8/25
Chris Hester	8/20	Dorothy Carter	8/28
Wayne Price	8/20		

Mike and Becky Tomlin 8/16

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