

Today's Worship
November 28, 2021
First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader and People

L: The Lord will fulfill all the promises given to God's people.

P: Praise be to God.

L: The days are coming when all shall be revealed.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.

P: The darkness has overshadowed them.

L: God will bring to us a new light for all generations.

P: Open our eyes, Lord, to see your promises fulfilled. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
Clark, Kira, & Evelyn Wright

MUSIC **Immanuel** All
(See music sheet)

MUSIC **These are the Days of Elijah** All
(See music sheet)

PASTORAL PRAYER Chris Hester

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:5-25 (NRSV) Mr. Hester
5 In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. 7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. 8 Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to

enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. 10 Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. 11 Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. 16 He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." 19 The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." 21 Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. 22 When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. 23 When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. 24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 25 "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

MUSIC **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** All
Charles Wesley - 1744

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

SERMON **No Words** Rev. Dr. Bruce

MUSIC **O Come All Ye Faithful** All
(Adeste Fideles) John Francis Wade - 1841

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

(Chorus)

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION Mr. Hester

As we await the coming of the Promised One, may your love and knowledge and insight overflow, that you may live in peace and harmony with all beings for the glory and praise of God.

ALL: We go to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. AMEN



McEver Rd Church is Praying For:
 Pete Ellis (Vickie Fieser's son, cancer)
 Varley Simons (Louise Bradshaw's friend)
 Susan Ward (back surgery, difficulty healing)

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, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocom, John Young, all those fighting cancer

Our Service Men and Women:

Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Keenen McDani-iel, Mason McDaniel, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan, Zonia Mucun

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

Opportunities This Week

Monday, Nov. 29
 Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex
 (Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Nov. 30
 Bible Study 7PM virtual
 (Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Thursday, Dec. 2
 Bible Study 10:30AM virtual
 (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Wesley Small Group
 (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Young Wesley Small Group
 (Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Sunday, Dec. 5
 Children's Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex sunroom
 (Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

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

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School class 9:45AM
 Bagley Annex garage
 (Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

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

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class Pastor's office and Zoom
 (Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor revdrtaylor@gmail.com)

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



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

Mike Stewart	12/1
Nancie Daugherty	12/8
Josh Siderakis	12/10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tiger and Memoree Emerson	12/5
Bill and Lavonne Venable	12/5
Mike and Vickie Fieser	12/8

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Next Week's Sermon

*Think about it * Pray about it*
No Way
 Luke 1:26-28

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