

Today's Worship
January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME

Chris Hester

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader and People

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Sing out your praises and say,

P: God has saved his people.

L: See how the Savior brings them from the end of the earth,

P: the blind and lame among them,

L: women with child

P: and women in labor, a great company.

L: Young men and old shall rejoice,

P: then shall the girl show her joy in the dance.

ALL: God turns their mourning into gladness, and gives them joy to outdo their sorrow.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

R. Garry Glenn

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.

¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

MUSIC

Wonderful Merciful Savior

All

Vs. 1, 2, 3

(See Music Sheet)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. Hester

MUSIC

Let Your Love Flow Through Me

All

Vs. 1, 2

(See Music Sheet)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-18 (NLT)

Mr. Glenn

Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

SERMON

The Light in the Darkness

MUSIC

I Stand Amazed

All

Vs. 1, 5

(See Music Sheet)

BENEDICTION

Mr. Glenn

O Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are no substitute for the loyalty of our lives. As we leave this place, enable us to serve your creation as we have worshiped you, with ourselves as well as our gifts.

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

MUSIC

Take My Life and Let It Be

All

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing

Always only for my King

Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold

Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use

Every power as Thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it Thine

It shall be no longer mine

Take my heart it is Thine own

It shall be Thy royal throne

⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.



McEver Rd Church is Praying For:
 Florence Smee (additional knee surgery)
 Susan Ward (problems following surgery)

Continued Prayers For:
 Pat Adams, Bill Anderson, Margie Barron,
 Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Brandon
 Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan
 Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne

Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Pete Ellis, 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 Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Celeste Mullins,
 Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and
 Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strick-
 land, 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 McDaniel, 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, Jan. 3

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

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News
 (Jean Prezel jeanprezel@gmail.com, 678-720-6945)

Thursday, Jan. 6

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)

Friday, Jan. 7

Leadership Team Annual Planning
 (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Saturday, Jan. 8

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

Sunday, Jan. 9

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

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex basement
 (John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@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 Annex garage
 (Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class 10AM 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)

Love on Tap 4-6PM at Left Nut Brewing Co.
 (Renee Brown rbcatluvr@gmail.com, 703-851-3583)



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

Susan Dover	1/3	Randy Prince	1/13
Lisa Bassett	1/8	Susan Ward	1/14
Paul Durrence	1/10	Jan Christian	1/15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Glen and Joan Floyd 1/9

Next Week's Sermon
*Think about it * Pray about it*
Think It Over
 Haggai 1:1-11

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