

**Today's Worship
December 12, 2021
Third Sunday in Advent**

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader and People

L: The day foretold is coming,
P: When our bitter mouths will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table!

L: The one foretold is coming—
P: Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper shared on a silent night!

L: The day is at hand!
P: World, feast!
L: The savior draws near!
P: Praise the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
John, Julie, Amelia, and Natalie Chapman

MUSIC **Hear the Prophets Talking** McEver Singers

MUSIC **Joy to the World** All

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV) Mr. Glenn

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." 46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home

MUSIC **O Come O Come Emmanuel**
Wendy Baker, Cello and Jean Prezel, Keyboard
Congregation sings after instrumental arrangement

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **No Partiality**

MUSIC **We Will Exalt You O Lord** All

Chorus
We will exalt You O Lord
We will exalt You O Lord
We will exalt You O Lord
Emmanuel
Repeat

Verse
You are the child born to us
You are God's Son given to us
Counselor Prince of Peace Mighty God
You are the child born to us
You are God's Son given to us
Merciful Savior of love
Emmanuel
Repeat

BENEDICTION Mr. Glenn

The day is at hand; the Savior draws near! Let us feast, and let our taste be keen, lest the cup be filled and left unpoured, lest the bread be baked and left unbroken.

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

Next Week's Sermon
*Think about it * Pray about it*
No Forgetting
Luke 1:57-80



McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Florence Smee (additional knee surgery)
Susan Ward (recent 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, 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 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 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, Dec. 13

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Cub Scout Pack Christmas Dinner 5-8PM Pavilion
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Advent Study 7PM virtual
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Thursday, Dec. 16

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)

Saturday, Dec. 18

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

Sunday, Dec. 19

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 Annex garage
(Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

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

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)

Leadership Team 2PM virtual
(Ben Buchan 770-402-2884, jbbuchan@gmail.com)

Love on Tap 4-6PM at Left Nut Brewery, 2100 Atlanta Hwy.
(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

Angela Ivey	12/14	Mimi Mathis	12/20
Bob Wilder	12/14	Tiger Emerson	12/23
Mike Tomlin	12/17	Pennie Eddy	12/24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kai and Lisa Bassett	12/18
Heyward and Fern Patterson	12/23

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