

Today's Worship
December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas Day

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

OPENING PRAYER

MUSIC **Immanuel** All
(See Music Sheet)

MUSIC **Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee** All
(See Music Sheet)

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41–52 (NRSV) Ms. Barrera

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his

parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

MUSIC **Emmanuel** All
(See Music Sheet)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **A Mother's Heart**

MUSIC **Emmanuel** All
(See Music Sheet)

BENEDICTION Ms. Barrera



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, Bill Car-
 man, 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.

Join Joyful Noise After Holiday Break

The Joyful Noise adult Sunday School class is on a holiday break.
 We will resume classes on Sunday, Jan. 9th at 10AM in the Annex
 basement. Come join us then! For more information, contact John
 Wright (404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com).

Thursday Bible Study Resumes Jan. 6

The Thursday morning Bible Study Class is on break until Thurs-
 day, Jan. 6. On Jan. 6 we will begin a study on Nehemiah. If you
 would like to start the New Year with more focus on God's word,
 please join us. This is virtual only at 10:30AM on Thursday. If you
 are interested, contact Pastor Rob at rob.bruce@ngumc.net.

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Opportunities This Week

Monday, Dec. 27
 Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex
 (Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Thursday, Dec. 30
 Church Office Closed for New Years

Friday, Dec. 31
 New Years Eve

Saturday, Jan. 1
 New Years Day

Sunday, Jan. 2
 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, rglenn@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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Katie Cave	12/30	Susan Dover	1/3
Jeannette Christman	1/1	Lisa Bassett	1/8

Next Week's Sermon

*Think about it * Pray about it*

Chris Hester Preaching



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 af-
 ford 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 mis-
 take. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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