

Today's Worship
March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

P: AMEN!

MUSIC **Surely the Presence of the Lord** All
(sing twice)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

MUSIC **He is Here** All

He is here, Hallelujah! He is here, Amen!

He is here, holy, holy; I will bless His Name again.

He is here, listen closely; Hear Him calling out your name.

He is here, you can touch Him. You will never be the same.

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Hester

The petitions are followed by:

ALL: "Lord in your mercy hear our prayers."

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

MUSIC

Gentle Shepherd

Music Team

(Feel free to sing along)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-7 (NRSV)

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The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **Characters of Lent: The Pharisees**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MUSIC

I Will Serve Thee

All

I will serve thee because I love thee; You have given life to me.

I was nothing before You found me; You have given life to me.

Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives are why You died on Calv'ry.

Your touch was what I longed for; You have given life to me.

DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

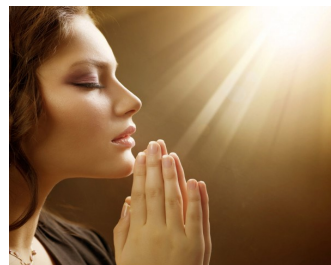
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Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace.

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

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Bill Clements (Ron's father)
Susan Dover (passing of father)
Vickie Fieser (passing of son)
Family of Tommy Haley (Ed Kern's friend)
Linda Hollimon (renal failure)
Family of Kerry Kerr (Rev. Tom Kerr's daughter)
Zonia Mucun (HUGS missionary, recent surgery)
David Syme's granddaughter and great granddaughter (serious injuries in car accident)
Jerry Thompson (cancer)
Hunter Vickery (Martins' friend)



Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, 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 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, Mike Wofford, 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, Kendall Payne, 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, March 28
Music Rehearsal 7PM Bagley Annex
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Mar. 29
Craft and Quilt Squad 11AM Annex Sunroom
(Suanne Stewart 770-842-1364)

Cub Scouts 6:30PM Annex Basement and Pavilion
(Church Office 770-532-3160, angelaivey968@gmail.com)

Thursday, Mar. 31
Bible Study 10:30AM Virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Sunday, April 3
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Annex Basement and Virtual
(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School 10AM Virtual
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor revdrtaylor@gmail.com)

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

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

Worship 11AM Pavilion and Streaming Online
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Next Week's Sermon

*Think about it * Pray about it*

The Characters of Lent: Mary
John 12:1-19 (NRSV)

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— CHURCH —

A United Methodist Community

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!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurie Souders	3/30	John Burgess	4/5
Ed Barnes	3/31	Florence Smee	4/7
Jerry Thompson	3/31	Michael Light	4/8
Carol Shay	4/4		



Daniel and Janna Buchan 4/1