Today's Worship December 28, 2025

GATHERING

WELCOME Jackie Buchan

*SONG Go Tell It on the Mountain All

*SONG To God Be the Glory All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jackie Buchan

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:

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

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER A

Our Father, who 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, forever. AMEN

*SONG Remembrance McEver Singers

THE WORD

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Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSVUE)

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." 16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." 19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

PRAYER

SERMON

"The Power of Prompt Obedience"

Rev. Joshua Andrew Scott

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is God calling you to be obedient to today?
- 2. Where are you trying to rush ahead instead of waiting for God's next instruction?
- 3. What small, "insignificant" detail of your life requires more faithful attention today?

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

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DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*SONG Great Is They Faithfulness

All

BENEDICTION Pastor Joshua

The Neighborhood Commission

Leader: God has spoken; will you answer with promptness?

People: We will go where He leads, without delay.

Leader: God is working; will you wait for His timing?

People: We will stay where He calls, without rushing.

Leader: God is in the details; will you obey in the small things?

People: We will serve with precision, following His heart.

All: We step into the neighborhood now as we Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. Amen.

Notes & Take Aways

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Announcements and Events

South Hall Community Food Pantry Needs

Each month the South Hall Community Food Pantry requests specific items in addition to regular donations. For the month of December, the request is for **24oz jars of pasta sauce**, **16oz packages of dried pasta**, as well as clean, empty **12 count egg cartons**.

Additionally, the demand for jelly has increased! So **15oz or 18oz jelly** (grape and strawberry preferred) will be greatly appreciated as well.

Help Feed our Furry Friends

We have received a recent request to include dry, bagged dog and cat food along with our other donated items. Bagged pet food of any brand will be happily accepted.

Please place these items on the table in the Bagley Annex kitchen.

Our brand-new church merch shop is LIVE!

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new church merch shop! You can now order hoodies, jackets, pullovers, sweatshirts, t-shirts, polos, and so much more - including stickers, magnets, water bottles, and tote bags. Everything ships directly to your front door when you order online. Visit our website, check out the shop, and find the perfect way to represent our church family wherever you go!

https://thechurch.shop/shop/mcever-road-church/

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Now it's easy to make your donation online!

Simply scan this QR code with your phone's camera and complete the online form!

OR you can visit our giving page at: www.mceverumc.org/give

Today's Greeters

11:00am: Kathy Harlin and John Muller

Church Wi-Fi: MCEVER Password: 5226McEver

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Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the "odd-one-out," are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church We're so glad you're here!

Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House

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