

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 15, 2012  
Eleven O'clock*



### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

*Please turn off your cell phones or place them on 'vibrate'  
so that our distractions are limited as we worship God.*

Gathering and Greeting in the Name of Christ      Rev. Tommy Mason

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Walther

Call to Worship

Mickey Pope

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,  
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

**Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:**

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.**

By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Let us worship the Lord with grateful hearts!**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

SPANISH HYMN

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:  
Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments,  
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“The Peace of Christ”

Ainsworth Choir

James Biery

Covenant of Holy Baptism

Sloan Cecile Vernon

Daughter of Stewart & Shannon Vernon

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Sloan and her family  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Rev. Ben Gosden

Members of the household of God,  
We commend Sloan to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her faith,  
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam  
on the chancel steps. K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

A Song of Assurance  
"He Leadeth Me"

Chary Williams, Soloist  
arr. Dale Wood

\* Gospel Lesson  
John 1:43-51

Mickey Pope  
Pew Bible Page 863

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

"Called to See Greater Things"

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tommy Perkins

We are people who journey as vessels  
containing wellsprings of hope;  
sharing, replacing, and adding new waters of proclamation,  
power, prophesy, and prayer  
to the containers of our life and faith.

We pause and reflect on the movement of the tide  
in this journey of life,  
as it washes upon our shores,  
cleansing and calling us back to ministry and faith.

**O Creator God, let the waters of your womb heal.**

Let us pray for the global community...

*Silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

Let us pray for the stress of our lives and world...

*Silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

Let us pray for those living in the midst of violence...

*Silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

Let us pray for those living in material,  
emotional and spiritual poverty...

*Silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

Let us pray for eyes to see and ears to hear the call within  
by the One who creates in us wellsprings of hope...

*Silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

**O Creator God,**  
may the waters that covered us at our birth  
once again remind us of our creation in you.  
**Remind us that we are vessels of the waters of hope**  
**and that your outpourings have power to heal**  
**and make whole our bruised world.**  
**Let the living waters of creation, womb, baptism, and Spirit**  
**encircle us that we may remember we are yours**  
**and be thankful;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the power,**  
**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of our Gifts  
"Duo" (Suite One)

Clerambault

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

*Anyone who wishes to become a member of  
Mulberry Street UMC is invited to come forward during the  
singing of the final stanza of the Hymn of Discipleship.*

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 430

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

MARYTON

\* The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

*As the light of Christ is carried out into the world,  
you are invited to remain seated for a few minutes  
of personal reflection to prepare to re-enter that world.*

*Consider prayerfully how God has been present to you  
in worship this morning and how you can be present for him  
in the world this week.*

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Alfred Fedak*

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

\* For those able, please stand.



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Organist/Director of Music  
Ainsworth Choir  
Bruce Bishop, Conductor  
Mickey Pope, Lay Reader  
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte  
Trey Powell, Crucifer  
Emma Johnston & Micah Johnston, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Martha and Arthur Lewis and Alice Williams  
by Tol, Patricia, Andy, and Chris Clarke.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of  
Calissa Elizabeth Fonner, daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Fonner,  
born, January 9, 2012.*

**Welcome All Visitors**

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope  
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,  
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed  
so that we can share with you about what's happening  
in the life of this church.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.  
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

## *Up and Coming at Mulberry Street UMC*

### **UMYF**

*Sundays – 5:00 pm*

### **Senior High Small Group**

*Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm*

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

*5:30 pm*

### **Children's Choirs**

*Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm*

### **Ainsworth Choir**

*Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm*

### **Middle School Small Group**

*Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm*