

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 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

Voluntary on UNSER HERRSCHER

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

Chris Abbott

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

we are the Lord's;

we are the people of God,

the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

* Entrance Hymn No. 139

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord,

to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ

and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation,

that we and the whole world might perceive the glory

of his marvelous works;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
A Modern Affirmation

Rev. Ben Gosden

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Oh, Praise Ye the Lord"

Ainsworth Choir
Parry

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Anna Whitney Respass
Daughter of Joel & Mandie Respass

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 Anna 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. Tommy Perkins

Members of the household of God,
We commend Anna 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.*

* Hymn No. 344

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Gabarain

Congregation sings the refrain.

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat’s left on the shore-line behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Chris Abbott

Pew Bible Page 812

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

Sermon

“Called to...?”

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

“Recit de Cromorne en taille”

Calviere

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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. Ben Gosden

*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. 398

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

* 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.*

Toccata on LOBE DEN HERREN Michael Bedford

* 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
David Keith, Conductor
Danielle Rosborough, Soloist
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Chris Abbott, Lay Reader
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte
Phillip Dunn, Crucifer
Caroline Dunn & Sara Kate Sellers, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her parents, Dr. & Mrs. Lewis L. Rawls
by Kathy and Jerry Sands, Dale, Bennett, and Kadee and their children.*

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

AGO Hymn Festival

Sunday, February 5, 2012

4:00-5:00 pm

Sanctuary

Hal H. Hopson, Festival Leader

Michael McGhee, Organist