

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Baptism of the Lord  
January 8, 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.*

News of the Church

Rev. Tommy Mason

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

"All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather"

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of God is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, upon many waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

*Psalm 29:1-4*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 604

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Living God,

when the Spirit descended on Jesus  
at his baptism in Jordan's water  
you revealed him as your own beloved Son.

You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Grant that all who are baptized into his name  
may boldly keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Act of Praise  
“He is Lord of All”

Ainsworth Choir  
Benjamin Harlan

Covenant of Holy Baptism  
William Thatcher Magda  
Son of Martin & Julia Magda

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 Will and his 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 Will to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith,  
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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, and our service,  
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

\* Gospel Lesson  
Mark 1:4-11

Kelly Stone  
Pew Bible Page 812

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

Homily  
“Called to Refocus”

Rev. Tommy Mason

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ben Gosden

Christ our Lord calls all –  
all who wish to embody the vision that dares to see the world  
through the eyes of eternal grace and love;  
all who earnestly love God  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, with hearts longing for repentance and transformation,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have violated your creation**  
**and plundered your good gifts.**  
**We have failed to love others**  
**with the same unconditional love you first gave us.**  
**We seek to own what is not ours, but yours.**  
**Forgive us, O God of Love,**  
**and reconcile us to yourself**  
**and to one another.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience**  
**that comes through a life devoted to serving you**  
**and serving one another;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the Good News:  
Christ died while we were yet sinners,  
and lives to show us the way of life eternal.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts  
“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Melanie Buckner, Soloist  
arr. Moses Hogan

Taking the Bread and Cup

\* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Sung Responses are found on page 17.)*

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

**Congregational Hymns**

No. 605 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

No. 347 “Spirit Song”

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
After receiving communion,  
you are welcome to go to the altar for prayer.  
Please let an usher know  
if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God,  
through the gifts of your table  
we have been nourished to live  
as your disciples in this world.  
Send us out, O God,  
that we might be living witnesses  
of your self-emptying love. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*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. 614

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

FOR THE BREAD

\* 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.*

*“Trumpet Tune” John Stanley*

\* 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  
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader  
Carol Head, Bread Baker  
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Communion Assistants  
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte  
Bert Thompson, Communion Steward  
Jonathan Hefner, Crucifer  
Ames Jamison & Jake Jamison, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and loving memory of our parents, George and Sarah Grier and Brooks  
and Mary Beth Gaudry by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.*

### **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*

### *Young at Heart*

*Thursday, January 12*

*12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall*

*All are invited to join together in these luncheons.*

*Program: A tour of the historical room along with some insights into Mulberry's history that will surprise you!*

*Call the church office (745-8601)*

*for reservations by Monday, January 9.*