

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2011  
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

*A word of thanks from Wesleyan College*

Taylor Bishop

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

Cam Bishop, Organist

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Robert Powell

Call to Worship

Harold Chapman

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

**Praise the Lord!**

*(Psalm 146:1-2, 10)*

\* Entrance Hymn No. 64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

giver of every good and perfect gift,

teach us to render to you all that we have

that we may praise you, not with our lips only,

but with our whole lives,

turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days

into a living sacrifice to you;

through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Silence*

**Almighty God,  
we confess that we are often swept up  
in the tide of our generation.  
We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,  
a people set apart for your divine purpose.  
We live more in apathy born of fatalism  
than in passion born of hope.  
We are moved more by private ambition  
than by social holiness.  
We dream more of privilege and benefits  
than of service and sacrifice.  
We try to speak in your name  
without relinquishing our glories,  
without nourishing our souls,  
without relying wholly on your grace.  
Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.  
Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

God is a God of compassion  
who hears our prayers with great love  
and stands ready to forgive and transform us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Act of Praise  
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Ainsworth Choir  
Claude Bass

## **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.*

New Testament Reading  
Romans 12:1-2

Harold Chapman  
Pew Bible Page 922

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

Sermon  
“Reversing Our DNA”

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  
II. Allegretto (Violin Sonata in A Minor)

Violin and Piano  
R. Schumann

\* Doxology

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\* 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. 438  
"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord"

DUKE STREET

\* 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" Albinoni*

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Mason

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor  
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
David Keith, Conductor  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Emily Brandenburg, Violin  
Caitlin Dowling, Piano  
Harold Chapman, Lay Reader  
Margaret Stanford, Lead Acolyte  
Trey Powell, Crucifer  
Micah Johnston & Will Smith, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jesse Kite, Jr. by his wife Frances.*

**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*

## **Senior High Small Group**

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

## **Charge Conference**

*Tuesday, November 15*

*6:00 pm*

*Parlor*

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

*5:30 pm*

*Program: Stories from Macon Outreach*

*Menu: Breakfast (in Macon Outreach Dining Room)*

## **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*

## **Wednesday Advent Studies**

### ***"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem"***

*Wednesday mornings Flo Martin is offering a five week journey with Adam Hamilton on the page and on DVD from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Location: The Martin's home (606 Chastain Place) Dates of the study are November 9 (intro), 16, 30, December 7, & 14. To pre-register and order the books, please contact [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) or 745-8601*

### ***O Come Let Us Adore Him: A Contemplative Journey Through Advent***

*Wednesday evenings (or late afternoons) of Advent*

*November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Join us as we contemplate the move to Bethlehem from the Gospel of Luke as well as Christina Rosseti's hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter"*

*To register please contact Tommy Perkins at 745-8601.*

*Facilitator: Ann Smith Cost: Free*

*Start time for this study will be either 4:30, 5:00 or 6:00 pending nursery needs or driving visibility and sundown considerations. Please contact Ann Smith or Tommy Perkins no later than Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.*