

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2011  
Nine O'clock*



*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

Opening Voluntary  
"Trumpet Tune"

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Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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)*

\* Hymn of Praise 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.**

\* 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

Emily Brandenburg, Violin

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

\* Doxology

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**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.**

\* New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Pew Bible Page 922

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Mason

“Reversing Our DNA”

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. 557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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\* 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/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Mildred and W.P. Stevens by Betty Sweet Simmons.*

**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>.*