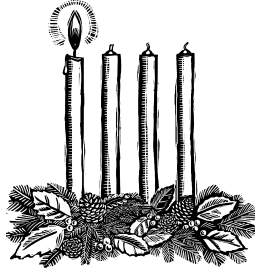


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

First Sunday of Advent

*November 27, 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

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

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Cam Bishop

J. S. Bach

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Don and Heidi Ream

Keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come...
in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn.

Keep awake!

And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert,
waiting again for the coming of Jesus.

We light the first Advent candle
reminding us of God's promised Messiah,
the Light of the World,
who comes to shine brightly in our hearts,
lighting our way.

Light the candle.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

* Entrance Hymn No. 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Stanzas 1, 2, 6 and 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Ever present God,

you taught us that the night is far spent

and the day is at hand.

Grant that we may ever be found watching

for the day of the Lord,

and so abide in him,

that when he shall appear,

we may not be ashamed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Ainsworth Choir

Robert Hobby

Covenant of Holy Baptism

Oak Malone Hodgens

Son of Pierson & Marcie Hodgens

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this family 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 Oak Malone 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 Oak Malone 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 we 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”

STUTTGART

**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. 706

“Soon and Very Soon”

VERY SOON

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-27

Beth Tripp
Pew Bible Page 826

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Watching Out for Advent”

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Ben Gosden

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
abolishing all war and injustice.

Let us prepare our hearts for his coming
by confessing our sins together.

Silence

Lord Jesus Christ,

you are the way to peace.

**Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.**

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
and bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit,
melt our hard hearts**

and consume the pride and prejudice which separates us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love,

which shines in the darkest places of our lives,

and bind us together in that unity

which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Emmanuel, God with us, is coming,
that we might live our lives in the grace that frees us
from the bondage of sin.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Offering of our Gifts
“My, Lord, What a Mornin’”

Chris Abbott, Soloist
arr. Howard Helvey

* A Response of Adoration and Anticipation
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH 213
TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!**

* 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.*

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 730
“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

ST. MICHAEL

* 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.
“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” Paul Manz*

* Benediction
Please stand as you are able.

Rev. Tommy Mason



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
Beth Tripp, Lay Reader
Margaret Stanford, Lead Acolyte Hunter Martin, Crucifer
Ames Jamison & Hayden Martin, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their son, Joseph T. Jones,
by his parents Col. and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones.*

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

Advent Study

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

Wednesday evenings of Advent at 5:00 pm

November 30th, December 7th, 14th, & 21st

Conference Room

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, November 30 – 6:15-7:00 pm

Saturday, December 3

9:30-10:00 am – Cherub Choir

10:00-10:30 am – First Grade Choir

10:30-11:15 am – Elementary Choir

Saturday, December 3

CHRISTmas Day Camp (Ages 2-10)

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Crafts, decorate tree, lunch and meet Mary & Joseph!

Sunday, December 4

Plum Pudding Festival - Cherub & Elementary Choirs Singing

5:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Light supper and Plum Pudding Cake!

Friday, December 16

Macon Outreach Christmas Celebration

11:00 am Sanctuary

Lunch following in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 18

“Carols and Readings”

Ainsworth Choir Brass and Organ

11 am Sanctuary

Christmas Caroling for Children & Families

4:00-6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24

2:00 pm Communion/Chapel

4:00 pm A Service for Children and Families/Sanctuary

5:30 pm Music of the Season/Sanctuary

6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service/Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

9:15 am Gathering Time in the Fellowship Hall

(with coffee and sweet rolls)

No Sunday School

10:00 am Worship/Sanctuary (one service only)

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Regular schedule.

