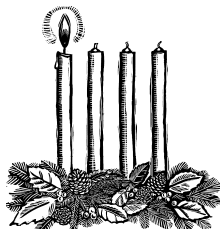


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

First Sunday of Advent

*November 27, 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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Michael Burkhardt

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ray and Carolyn Dominy

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.

* Hymn of Expectation 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

“My, Lord, What a Mornin’”

Chris Abbott, Soloist
arr. Howard Helvey

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Give ear, O Shepherd of Isarel,
 you who lead Joseph like a flock!
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
 stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!
O Lord of hosts,
 how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
 and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
 and our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!
But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
 the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!
Then we will never turn back from you;
 give us life, and we will call on your name!
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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



*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 Helen Schubert and Christen White Cranford
and with much love by their family:
James, Jodi, Leyna, Jamie and Cary Palmer.*

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.