

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship



*November 6, 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

Grace to you and peace from God,
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

Opening Voluntary

'Nimrod' from 'Enigma Variations'

Edward Elgar

Call to Worship

Mary Hurt

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
Death has no dominion over them.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Procession of the All Saints Banner

Congregation rises as the banner passes your pew.

* Entrance Hymn No. 711 (*all standing*)

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God,
your people of all the ages
live and praise you without ceasing.
In our communion with you,
we have communion with generations past
and generations yet unborn.
Before your throne
we are one with a great multitude
which no one could number,
and in praising you
we join with those from every nation.
Grant to your church on earth that,
as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory,
we may profit by their example
and enter with them into the inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading
Revelation 7:9-17

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Act of Praise
"Shall We Gather at the River"

Ainsworth Choir
arr. Albert Travis

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Epistle Reading
1 John 3:1-3

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Pew Bible Page 990

* Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12

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

Homily
Faith Is...Embodied in our Witness

Rev. Tommy Mason

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Naming the Saints

Rev. Ben Gosden

*Let us remember those from this congregation
who now share the triumph of Christ.*

Gordon Walker Jackson
November 4, 2010

Joy Hightower Valentine
May 23, 2011

Rita Mary LaFave Heger
December 19, 2010

Roy Lamar Dunn, Jr.
June 29, 2011

Tommy Jean Griffith
January 4, 2011

Ester V. Sparks
July 29, 2011

Rosa Lee Blount
January 25, 2011

Robert Terrell Dunn
August 5, 2011

Sara Beth Adams
February 3, 2011

William Earl Strickland
August 15, 2011

Wynelle Brice Flynn
February 14, 2011

Dorothy Parks "Dot" Colhard
September 20, 2011

Frances LaVada Allen
March 6, 2011

James Anderson "Bo" Berg, IV
September 20, 2011

Laura Olliff Darby
March 14, 2011

Roy E. Johstono, Sr.
October 8, 2011

Robbie M. Kirk
March 30, 2011

Elizabeth Hatcher Waldrep
October 11, 2011

Bud Swilling Moss
April 26, 2011

A Time of Reflection

Mary Hurt

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.*

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.*

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.*

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.*

(Jewish Prayer)

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

we praise you for the great company
of all those who have finished their course in faith
and now rest from their labors.

We praise you for those beloved saints named today
whom you have graciously received into your presence.

We praise you for other saints dear to us
whom we name silently in our hearts (*brief silence*)

To all of these, grant your peace.

Let perpetual light shine upon them;

and help us so to believe where we have not seen,
that your presence may lead us through our years,
and lead us at last with them into the joy of your home
not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ben Gosden

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another
following the example of the saints
who go before us into his glory.

Therefore, let us confess our sin with all who love the Lord.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Ben Gosden

**We confess our inclination, O God,
to sense that we are alone in the faith.**

**We neglect the history of those
who have gone before us;
we take for granted their perseverance;
we have lost touch with the wisdom
that would lead us to life.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

**Call to mind our mothers and fathers in the faith,
who ran the race before us,
and let us draw strength from their examples.**

Silence

God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of love and power and self-discipline.

Let us remember the goodness of God
in the lives of the saints,
and let us draw strength from the cloud of witnesses
that surrounds us.

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
“Meditation”

Brandi Crosby, Flute
Chaminade/Callahan

* 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.**

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*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 wish to be served
but are unable to go to the table.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Tommy Perkins

O Lord, our God, we give you thanks
for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ
and for filling us with joy in the eucharist.
Lead us toward the full visible unity of your church,
and help us to treasure
all the signs of reconciliation you have granted us.
**Now that we have tasted the banquet
you have prepared for us in the world to come,
may we all one day share together
the inheritance of the saints in the life of the heavenly city.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

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 Hymn of Discipleship.*

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 702
“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

HYMN TO JOY

* 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.*

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Michael Burkhardt

* 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/Director of Music
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor
Brandi Crosby, Flute
Mary Hurt, Lay Reader
Freeda Chapman, Bread Baker
Bill & Cindy Jarrard, Communion Assistants
Caroline Banks, Communion Steward
Philip Dunn, Crucifer
Trey Powell, All Saints Banner Bearer
Sarah Hammond, Pascal Candle
Caroline Banks, Savannah Stone, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ester V. Sparks
and Dorothy P. “Dot” Colhard
by friends.*

All Saints Banner

*The All Saints Banner is made of white satin ribbons with
brass bells that are attached in memory of those
Mulberry saints who now rest in the joy of their eternal home.*

*Following the service, family members are invited
to untie a bell from the banner and take it with them
as a remembrance of their beloved saint
and this All Saints service.*