

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*



*November 6, 2011  
Nine O'clock*

News of the Church

Rev. Tommy Mason

Opening Voluntary

"For All the Saints"

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

Rev. Ben Gosden

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.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 732

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

ST. THOMAS

\* 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.**

\* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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*

## Prayer of Remembrance

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.**

Epistle Reading

1John 3:1-3

Pew Bible Page 990

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible Page 785-786

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Faith Is...Embodied in our Witness

Rev. Tommy Mason

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.

Therefore, let us confess our sin  
before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence.)*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
*(Communion responses are spoken.)*

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion Rev. Ben Gosden

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. 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. 707  
"Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor*  
*Cam Bishop/Organist*



*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord are invited to the Lord's Supper. You need not be a member of this congregation or a United Methodist. Children are invited to receive communion, too. God's grace is available to all.*

*Many communion participants bring an offering with them, leaving it in the offering plates in the side aisles. **Our communion offering is designated for the Children's Center at Mulberry.***

### **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 **Registration Pad** 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.*