

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2011
Eleven O'clock



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

Jim Coleman, Organist

Call to Worship

Margaret Brogdon

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol the Lord, all peoples!

The Lord's steadfast love toward us is great!

The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever!

Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 117)

* Entrance Hymn No. 67

"We, Thy People, Praise Thee"

ST. ANTHONY CHORALE

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all time and space,

you are the Source of all that was, is, and will be.

We gather as your people

knowing that we have benefited time and time again
from the abundance of your blessings.

It is in you that we have life and breath.

Grant that as we grow tired, anxious

and even dissatisfied with life,

we might remember that your love and grace
upholds and undergirds us every day.

Guide us in your way that we might catch a glimpse of the world
through your eyes of compassion and mercy.

We ask this in the name of the One who lived, died, and
rose again that we might have life in abundance,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Tommy Perkins

**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.**

Act of Praise

“Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall”

Ainsworth Choir

Carl Schalk

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. 140

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:23-34

Margaret Brogdon

The Message

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith Is...Exposed in our Gifts”

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

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 Tithes and Gifts

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

* 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 Hymn of Discipleship.*

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 399

“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

MESSIAH

* 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.*

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Tommy Mason, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ben Gosden, Associate Pastor
Jim Coleman, Organist
Ainsworth Choir
David Keith, Conductor
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Margaret Brogdon, Lay Reader
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte Jonathan Hefner, Crucifer
Emily Fackler & Sara Kate Sellers, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Herman and Dot Martin by their family.*

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Austin Riley West, son of Brandon & Christy West,
born on October 13, 2011.*

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

S.M.A.K. & MiniS.M.A.K.

Sundays – 5:00 pm

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Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

Program: S.P.A.R.K.

Menu: Soup & Salad

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

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 30

4:30-6:30 pm

Children's Assembly Room/Courtyard

Chili & Apple Pie at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall

Please bring mesh backpack or healthy, non-perishable snack food for the Bibb County BOE Mentors Project. Have your chili and apple pie in the kitchen by 5:00 pm for judging.

Questions: Call Pam Johnston, 745-8601.