

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 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

“Voluntary in C Major”

Cam Bishop, Organist

Henry Purcell

Call to Worship

Kelly Stone

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,
his compassion is over all his creation.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power.

* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Gosden

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Thou who has ordered this wondrous world,
and who knows all things in earth and heaven:

So fill our hearts with trust in thee that by night and day,
at all times and in all seasons,

we may without fear commit all that we have and hope to be
to thy never-failing love,

for this life and the life to come;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

We know that nothing is able to separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Silence

Lord God,
we have given more weight to our successes
and our happiness than to your will.
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.
We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.
We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions
than according to your commands.
Within your church we have been slow to practice
love of our neighbors.
And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. Amen.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets us free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.
Thanks be to God.

Act of Praise

“Look at the World”

Ainsworth Choir

John Rutter

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.*

Epistle Lesson

James 2:14-19, 26

Kelly Stone

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* Hymn No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:35-40

Rev. Tommy Mason

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith Is...Confessed in our Service

Rev. Tommy Mason

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tommy Mason

Offering of our Gifts and 2012 Commitment Cards

“Now Thank We All Our God”

David Cherwien

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tommy Mason

* Closing Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 102

“Now Thank We All our God”

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* 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.
Toccata on ‘OLD 100th’*

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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
Kelly Stone, Lay Reader
Caroline Banks, Lead Acolyte *Sarah Hammond, Crucifer*
Conner Hefner & Hayden Martin, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Alvin Gore, husband of Bobbie Gore,
and Hilda Harris, mother of Bobbie Gore and Rita Swicegood,
by Bobbie Gore and Rita Swicegood.*

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

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off

This Sunday – 4:30-6:30 pm

Children's Assembly Room/Courtyard

Chili & Apple Pie at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

*Bring a mesh backpack or healthy, non-perishable snack food
for the Bibb County BOE Mentors Project.*

Have your chili and pie in the kitchen by 5:00 pm for judging.

Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

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

Menu: Barbecue

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

Looking for Volunteers with our Community Garden

We're looking for volunteers to help water the Mulberry Community Garden this Fall. Our community garden is behind our main church building on New Street. Watering shifts will be for one week at a time where you'll water twice in that week. This is a great, low-impact opportunity for anyone interested in helping with the garden and/or in search of a volunteer project. If you're interested in signing up for the watering schedule please contact Katie Gosden (ktc5858@yahoo.com) or call the church office to contact Rev. Ben Gosden (745-8601).