

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Piet Post

Call to Worship

Mickey Pope

O give thanks to the Lord,
call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

Tell of all God's wonderful works!

(Psalm 105:1-2)

* Entrance Hymn No. 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Source of life,
be with us this day
as we seek to open ourselves
to your love and goodness.

Be with us as we set aside our everyday worries and concerns
and concentrate on your mercy and loving kindness.

Create in us anew a sense of meaning and purpose,
in the Spirit of Christ. **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.**

* The Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Let us listen for the sound of God's voice.
In quietness and stillness,
let us tune our hearts to the rhythm of God's grace.

Silence

**O God, we confess a hardness of heart
and a narrowness of vision.
The wideness of your mercy surrounds us,
but we are not receptive to your presence.
Your love is broader than the measure of our minds,
but we do not have eyes to see your kingdom.
Maker of heaven and earth,
finish your new creation
and overcome our creaturely rebellion.
Lord Jesus,
who art all compassion,
draw near to us
and to the world for whom you have died.
Giver of life,
pour out your Spirit on all flesh.**

Silence

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news:
God is love.
As children of God,
let us live in God's love,
and let us share God's love with one another.

Amen.

Act of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Ainsworth Choir

arr. Robert Hobby

*The congregation is invited to join in singing
the final stanza as directed.*

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him.**

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. 121

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

WELLESLEY

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Mickey Pope

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The End of Fairness”

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

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Albert Travis

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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
singing of the final stanza of the Hymn of Discipleship.*

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 340

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

* 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.*

“Carillon” Paul Bryan

* Benediction

* *For those able, please stand.*



*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
Mickey Pope, Lay Reader
Bert Thompson, Lead Acolyte
Sarah Hammond, Crucifer
Conner Hefner & Emma Johnston, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Eden Taylor Persons
by her family.*

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

Youth Choir

Sundays – 4:00 pm

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

Sundays – 5:00 pm

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Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

Program: Pastor's Study – "Generous Living" – Rev. Tommy Mason
Menu: Breakfast

Ainsworth Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm

Senior High Small Group

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Middle School Small Group

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm

2nd Annual Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 2

4:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (753 College Street)

*(Note: Please make sure dogs are on leashes
and other pets are caged as appropriate)*

The first weekend in October is the observance of the Feast of St. Francis. In honor of that we will be partnering with St. Paul's Episcopal Church to put on a joint, community service of blessing for animals and families. The service will be held in the courtyard area in back of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 4 pm. Please come and bring your favorite pet(s) for this special opportunity to gather as a community to celebrate God's creation together.

The service will be a short liturgy followed by an individual blessing for families and their pets. There will be refreshments on hand as well. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Ben Gosden

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