



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown
Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life.*



The Church at Worship

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24, 2024 | Eleven O'clock

Welcome to Mulberry Street UMC!

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP!

We are a church on a mission to share the heart of God from the heart of downtown Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life. Methodists have been worshipping Father, Son, & Holy Spirit on this corner since 1826.

You are invited to become a living part of this vital congregation. Check out the back of the bulletin to see the news of the church!

CONNECT WITH US

Please fill out a Connection Card found in the back of the pew if you are visiting with us, would like to sign up for upcoming events, have a prayer request, or need to update your contact information.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please find an usher to receive a welcome gift!

We invite you to visit us at **mulberrymethodist.org**.

Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!

Visit **bit.ly/mul-news** to sign up.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is livestreamed on Facebook. You can download the Sunday bulletin at **mulberrymethodist.org/worship/bulletins**.

GIVING

You can make your offering to God by visiting **mulberrymethodist.org/give** or by scanning the QR code, which will take you directly to our church's secure giving website.



ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing Assistive devices are available and can be found in the narthex by the usher station. Please ask an usher for assistance locating them.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the teachers of the Daughtery Class and the Joy Class given by the Daughtery Class.

*The artwork on the cover is a mosaic titled "God in Glory".
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55270>*

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Jason Payne

Welcome & News of the Church Rev. Jack Varnell & Rev. Payton Stone

Greeting & Call to Worship Rev. Stone

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Open your hearts that the King of glory may come in.

Our hearts are open to King Jesus.

Open your minds that the King of truth may come in.

Our minds are open to his truth and Word.

Open your spirits that the King of love may come in.

Our spirits are open to the King's love and goodness.

On this day we celebrate Christ as the King.

Christ is the King today, tomorrow, and forever!

* Opening Hymn No. 157 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Rev. Stone

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.

* Gloria Patri 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.

Children 5th grade and under are invited to leave for Godly Play at this time.

Children may be picked up on the 2nd Floor in the Godly Play classroom after the service.

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (Pew Bible pg 724)

Rev. Stone

As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

* Hymn

Creator, Savior and Sustainer
to the tune of *America, the Beautiful*

MATERNA

Creator of the universe, Thy wonders to proclaim;
We worship Thee in song and verse, and praise Thy holy name.
Almighty God, most gracious God, we humbly bow in prayer;
Come take control of every soul, and keep us in Your care.

O Jesus, for Your tender care our thanks to You we give,
Who loved us more than we can bear, and died that we might live;
O Son of God, O Lord of Love, forgive us when we stray.
Help us to see our need for Thee, and seek Thy holy way.

O Holy Spirit, Comforter, descend on us we pray,
Be Thou our Guide and counselor, our Strength from day to day.
O God the Father, God the Son, O God the Three in One,
Help us to pray until the day Thy will and ours are one.

We thank you, God, for loving us, unworthy though are we,
May we reflect your love and trust, and live more faithfully.
Almighty God, most Holy God, Thy steadfast love is sure.
Through joy and pain, may we maintain a faith that's strong and pure.

- Carlton Pittman

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

- Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

* Second Reading

Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible pg 856)

Rev. Varnell

And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?" And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Winning with Jesus"

Rev. Jack Varnell

News of the Church

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | November 24 | High Street Church | 3 pm

The Downtown Tapestry's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 24 at High Street UU Church. Join us for an evening of worship and service with other congregations in our community where we will give thanks for the many blessings in our lives.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving | November 27-29

The church office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Regular office hours will resume Monday, December 2.

Advent Study | Beginning December 1 | Mustard Seed Classroom | 10 am

Gregory Bushway will lead an Advent study on Sundays during the Sunday School hour, beginning December 1. We'll meet in the Mustard Seed classroom – everyone is welcome to join!

Worship & Prayer | Wednesday, December 4 | Fellowship Hall | 5:30 pm

Start your month with this time of intentional contemplation, prayer, and music. Engage with prayer stations & activities, and meditate on scripture. We will meet at 5:30 for dinner, and the service begins at 6:00.

Wesley Glen Christmas at the Cross | December 6-8

Wesley Glen is hosting their 3rd annual Christmas at the Cross event! This is a free community event with a beautiful, mile-long light display. Lights and luminaries will be glowing around the entire Wesley Glen neighborhood. On Friday, Dec. 6th from 6:30pm-8:30pm, the residents will take part in the live nativity. Learn more at wesleyglenministries.com.

Keep up with us online!



Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!
To sign up, visit bit.ly/mulnews or scan the QR code.

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at [@MulberryMethodist](https://www.instagram.com/MulberryMethodist)

Visit our website at mulberrymethodist.org for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

REV. JACK VARNELL

Senior Pastor

REV. PAYTON STONE

Associate Pastor

ELISA REECE

Director of Family Ministries

DR. TERRE JOHNSON

Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

WILL MAGDA

Crucifer

DREW MORRIS

Candle Lighter

A Bicentennial Moment

In anticipation of Mulberry's upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in 2026, the Leonard Hill Cochran Historical Room presents a moment of Mulberry history:

The following paragraph was in the Mulberry Street Methodist Church Quarterly Bulletin, dated February 21, 1943:

“Attention Red Cross Workers. The Red Cross Surgical Dressing rooms have been moved from the Red Cross Headquarters to the rear wing of the Christ Church Parish House. The War Department has advised the American Red Cross that 180,000,000 surgical dressings will be needed by March 15th. Every woman who can is urged to give at least one morning a week to making surgical dressings that are so vitally needed for our armed forces.”

— *Christ the King Sunday* —

Christ the King Sunday is the concluding Sunday of the liturgical year, and marks the last Sunday before Advent begins. On this Sunday, we remember that the crucified Christ is the same Christ who came as a humble infant in a manger on Christmas. The paraments are white to represent Christ's life and resurrection.


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Office Hours M-Th 8:30am - 5pm