



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025 | 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 Pam and Chuck Huber's 39th wedding anniversary.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Hallelujah" by Mike Moyers.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57147>*

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

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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.

Welcome one and all to this sacred time and place.

We gather to worship God with glad and generous hearts.

We invite you to make room for God this day.

We make room for God's presence in our lives.

We look to God's power to grow us in holiness and love.

We are empowered to live as God's witness to all the world.

* Opening Hymn No. 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

* 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

1 Peter 4:12-16 (Pew Bible pg 986)

Rev. Stone

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God.

* Hymn No. 168

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
 that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
 but have everlasting life.
 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
 but that world through him might be saved.
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 that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
 but have everlasting life.
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 - John 3:16-17

Second Reading

Acts 1:8; 11:19-26 (Pew Bible pg 844, 895)

Rev. Varnell

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.
 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews.

But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

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

Sermon "Becoming People of Witness" Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer Rev. Stone

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 & Gifts

Offertory Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Charles Callahan

You can make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give or in the offering plate.

* 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.**

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn No. 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt



News of the Church

Purchase a Name Tag | \$10 each | Last Day to Order!

Today is the last day to sign up for a nametag - \$10 each, either magnetic or pin-back. Don't miss your chance to get a new nametag! Order today at bit.ly/multag5 or scan QR code.



Reception for Mickey & Carol Pope | Sunday, Feb 23 | After Worship

You are invited to a punch & cookies reception on February 23 to honor Mickey & Carol Pope, who have been faithful church members for over 50 years. Mickey has been a Lay Leader & has held many other leadership roles at Mulberry, also chairing the District Board of Missions for many years. Carol has been a longtime instrumental leader in the women's missionary society & member of the Ainsworth Choir. These fine people are also members of the JOY Class, where Mickey continues to write a weekly newsletter for its members.

The reception will be in the church parlor immediately following the worship service.

Macon Mayhem Hockey Game - Support Macon Outreach

The Macon Mayhem will feature Macon Outreach as their "Non-profit of the Night" on Friday, February 28th. The theme for the evening is 80's Night. Come out and "throwback" to support Macon Outreach while enjoying some Mayhem ice hockey! A limited number of discounted tickets are available through the Macon Outreach office. Suggested donation is \$20 each.

To reserve your tickets, email rfrischkorn@mulberrymethodist.org or call the church office at 478-745-8601, and pay by check or at <https://onrealm.org/MulberryStUMC/give/outreach>.

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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

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

HUNTER GODSEY

Organist

STEBIN HORNE

Crucifer

RAMZI HARLEY

& SANFORD HORNE

Candle Lighters

————— *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:

**Minutes from The Board of Stewards Meeting,
March 28, 1913.**

The pastor reported on the condition of the congregation with respect to the rapid increase in membership and the non-attendance of some of the members... The pastor also spoke on vice conditions in the city and the responsibilities of the brethren in regard thereto. He thought that his Church's members holding memberships in clubs where intoxicating liquors were dispensed should be dealt with as provided for by the Discipline.

**Minutes from The Board of Stewards Meeting,
April 15, 1913**

Among other items discussed, W. T. Rogers, Jr., chairman of the special committee appointed to make investigations as to the connection of Mulberry Street Church members with social clubs which dispense intoxication liquors reported that he had secured information in regards thereto... The Pastor expressed himself as being opposed to members of his church holding membership in such clubs. Several members of the Board stated that they were patrons of the better features of one of the clubs in question, most of whom announced their intention of withdrawal therefrom under the circumstances.

————— *Season of Epiphany* —————

The season of Epiphany is the period of time following Christmas through Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Epiphany represents the manifestation of Jesus Christ as a Savior for all. The color of the paraments is green to represent hope, peace & growth.


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