



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 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 in love and honor of Payton, Mallory, and Xander Stone by Harold and Freeda Chapman.

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Voluntary

John Stanley

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.

On this day, we remember the great generosity of our God.

Our God brought the world to life and placed us in it.

God did not leave us in our sin but came to our rescue.

Our God brought salvation to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

God has blessed us in more ways than we can possibly count.

Our God deserves all the praise and honor we can give him.

Come and worship the God who is overflowing with generosity.

**May we give generously of our time, talents, worship, and resources,
all to the glory of God.**

* Opening Hymn No. 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (v. 1-5)

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* 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.

**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’s Moment

Elisa Reece

*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

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:7-8 (Pew Bible pg 941)

Rev. Stone

We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you excel in this gracious work also.

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

* Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

Spiritual, arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don’t get weary till your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Second Reading

Psalm 98 (Pew Bible pg 480)

Rev. Jack Varnell

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

Sermon

“Making Noise for the Lord”

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

When prompted, the congregation responds:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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

For the Fruits of His Creation

arr. Alexander Mathews

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

* Doxology

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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. 68

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

arr. Norman Johnson



News of the Church

Tour the Mulberry Organ with Daniel | Today | Following worship

Today after worship, our organist Daniel McIntosh will be leading a tour of Mulberry's organ. Meet at the front of the sanctuary following worship to get a behind-the-scenes view of our beautiful organ!

Pick up Casseroles & Cinnamon Rolls | Today | Fellowship Hall

Please pick up the casseroles and cinnamon rolls you ordered from the UWF in the Fellowship Hall. UWF will also have a limited amount of Equal Exchange Coffee, hot cocoa and chocolate bars for sale in the atrium to support small farmers, Macon Outreach & the Children's Center at Mulberry.

Charge Conference Meeting | November 17 | 4 pm | Vineville UMC

The North Central District Charge Conference will be held this Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 PM at Vineville UMC. We will join with other area churches to worship, hear from our new District Superintendent, Dr. Jay Harris, and take part in Holy Community.

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

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.

Keep up with us online!



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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

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ELISA REECE

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DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

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THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

KATHERINE DENT

Crucifer

CAROLINE DENT & RUTH STANSFIELD

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:

On August 7, 1952, Anthony Hearn, Pastor, informed the Board of Stewards that Mulberry's Annual Conference reported the following:

26 babies had been baptized

The total of new members was 128

Total Mulberry membership was 2,417.

Church School enrollment was 1,477

Sunday School enrollment was 1,335 with the average attendance each Sunday at 650

The Women's Society of Christian Service had 326 members.

— *Season of Ordinary Time* —

The season of Ordinary Time emphasizes the church living & witnessing in the world. The color of the paraments is green to represent the church's growth & presence.


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