



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**The Church at Worship**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
*February 9, 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.

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
George & Sarah Grier and Brooks & Mary Beth Gaudry  
by Frank & Mary Anne Gaudry.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Brothers #1" by Arthur Garfield Dove.  
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\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



**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.**

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*Proclamation & Response*

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First Reading

Psalm 138 (Pew Bible pg 503)

Rev. Stone

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

\* Hymn No. 549

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ST. PETER

Anthem

*There's a City Called Heaven* Spiritual, arr. Robert E. Page

There's a city called heaven 'Crosst a beautiful sea,  
There's a city called Heaven, and it's waiting just for me.  
I'm a sinner walkin' somewhere on a road that's going someplace,  
and I'm hopin' that this somewhere lead a-close to Jesus' face.  
Oh, my burden's might heavy and my heart is like a hollow,  
but my Jesus gives me comfort when my spirit sinks so low.  
There's a city called heaven 'Crosst a beautiful sea,  
There's a city called Heaven, and it's waiting just for me.

\* Second Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (Pew Bible pg 823)

Rev. Varnell

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

Sermon “Becoming People of Service” 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.**

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*Offering of our Tithes & Gifts*

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Offertory Prayer of St. Patrick Ross C. Bernhardt

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ above me, Christ below me,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise.  
I arise today through God’s power to pilot me,  
God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me.  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
O Christ be with me, Christ within me.

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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.

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*Sending Forth*

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\* Closing Hymn No. 529

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Stone

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G, BWV 557

attributed to J.S Bach



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## *News of the Church*

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### **Purchase a Name Tag | \$10 each | Order by Sunday, February 16**

Sign up today for a new nametag - \$10 each, either magnetic or pin-back. Name tags are a great way to help foster a sense of welcome for visitors & new members! Order today at [bit.ly/multag5](https://bit.ly/multag5) or scan QR code.



### **Chili Cook-off & Apple Pie Contest | Today! | after worship | Fellowship Hall**

Join us immediately following worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Chili Cook-off & Apple Pie contest! Everyone is welcome to come try all the different recipes!

### **Southern Chorale Performing after Lunch | Today | Sanctuary**

The Southern Chorale will continue to share their talents with us after worship today - following our chili cook-off, they will perform a short concert at 1:00 pm at which they'll preview their performance at an international competition in The Netherlands this summer.

### **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](mailto: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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## *Keep up with us online!*

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Visit our website at [mulberrymethodist.org](https://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*

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*Organist*

**MILLIE THOMPSON**

*Director of Communications*

**THE AINSWORTH CHOIR**

**THE SOUTHERN CHORALE**

**BEN MORRIS**

*Crucifer*

**EMILY STANSFIELD**

**& 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 Sunday, May 20, 1945 at 11 a.m. services, the celebrating of the payment of moral obligation and dedication of Church School plant was held. The church bulletin for that day noted the below:

“The history of Mulberry Street Methodist Church is filled with many thrilling chapters. However, the purposes of this occasion confine us to the most recent one. The five year period, 1932-1937, was one of the most trying the Church ever knew. A nationwide depression made the debt of the Church almost impossible. However, under the superb leadership of Dr. Edmund F. Cook, then pastor, the Church undertook to lift this burden... On January 17, 1937, the members and friends of the Church gave at total of \$46,000.00. Mr. James Hyde Porter, in addition to his liberal gift, agreed to loan the Church the \$17,000.00 needed to consummate this settlement [of debt]... In the exultation of this hour and under the inspiring leadership of Dr. George Stoves, then pastor, the Board of Stewards appointed a Committee looking to acknowledgement of the moral obligation of the Church to repay the principal... The legal and moral obligations having been met, we gather today to dedicate our Church School Plan to Almighty God.”

————— *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.



**Mulberry Street**

*UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

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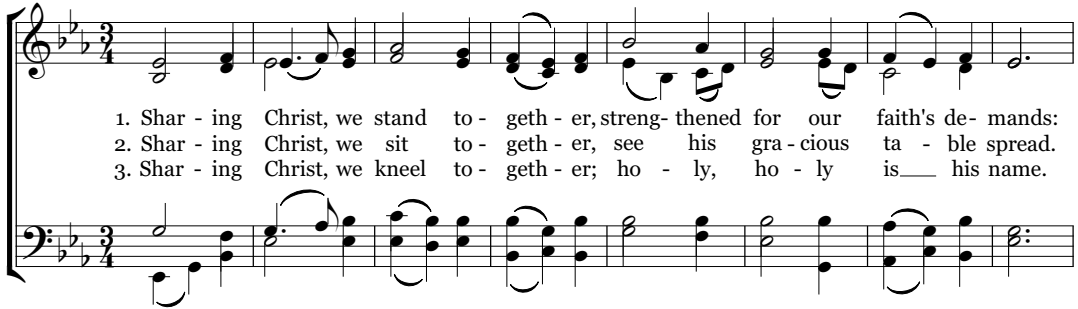
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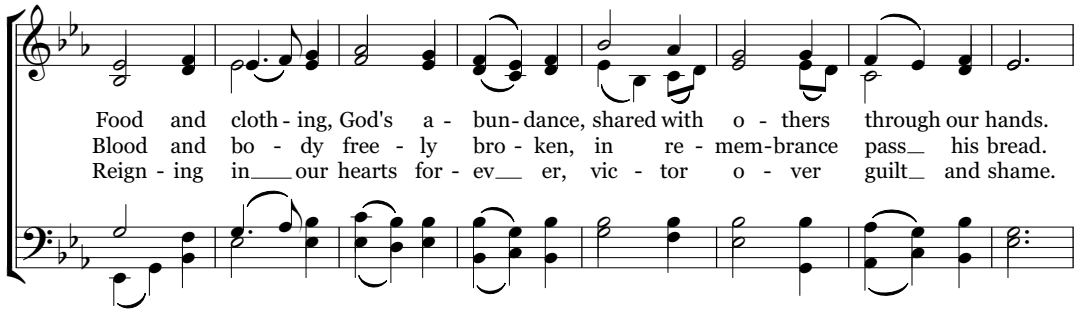
# Sharing Christ, We Stand Together

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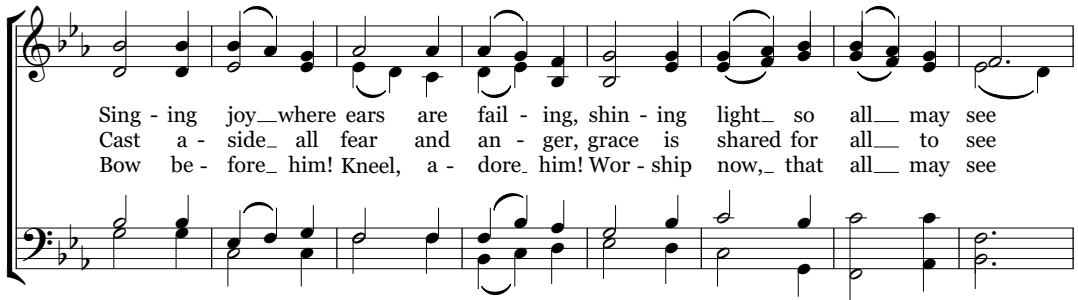
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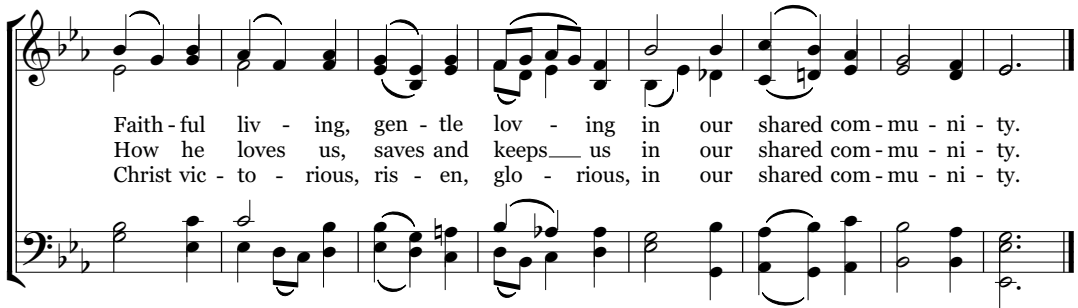
1. Shar - ing Christ, we stand to - geth - er, streng - thened for our faith's de - mands:  
2. Shar - ing Christ, we sit to - geth - er, see his gra - cious ta - ble spread.  
3. Shar - ing Christ, we kneel to - geth - er; ho - ly, ho - ly is\_\_ his name.



Food and cloth - ing, God's a - bun - dance, shared with o - thers through our hands.  
Blood and bo - dy free - ly bro - ken, in re - mem - brance pass\_\_ his bread.  
Reign - ing in\_\_ our hearts for - ev\_\_ er, vic - tor o - ver guilt\_\_ and shame.



Sing - ing joy\_\_ where ears are fail - ing, shin - ing light\_\_ so all\_\_ may see  
Cast a - side\_\_ all fear and an - ger, grace is shared for all\_\_ to see  
Bow be - fore\_\_ him! Kneel, a - dore. him! Wor - ship now,\_\_ that all\_\_ may see



Faith - ful liv - ing, gen - tle lov - ing in our shared com - mu - ni - ty.  
How he loves us, saves and keeps\_\_ us in our shared com - mu - ni - ty.  
Christ vic - to - rious, ris - en, glo - rious, in our shared com - mu - ni - ty.

## The Southern Chorale

The Southern Chorale is the premiere choral ensemble in the Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music at Georgia Southern University. It is comprised of a highly selective group of singers, and is called upon to represent the university at numerous occasions throughout the year. Recently, they were named the 6th Best Choir in the US by the university rating website *collegerank.net*. In addition to numerous campus and community performances, Southern Chorale has appeared at conferences of the National Collegiate Choral Organization, American Choral Directors Association, and National Association for Music Education. The choir won significant prizes in the *Anton Bruckner International Choral Competition* in Linz, Austria in 2013 and months later earned the highest score given in *Sing 'N' Joy International Competition and Festival*, winning the Spiritual Category. During the summer of 2016, Southern Chorale won the Grand Prize in the mixed category and the spirituals category at the *Laurea Mundi*, Budapest. This summer, they received Gold in the *Ave Verum International Choral Competition* in Baden, Austria and Level I Certificate in the *International Chamber Choir Competition* in Marktoberdorf, Germany. In the summer of 2025 they will compete in the *CantaRode International Choral Festival* in the Netherlands.

The Southern Chorale is conducted by Dr. Shannon Jeffreys, Professor of Music in The Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music at Georgia Southern University. In addition to conducting the Southern Chorale and leading the choral program, Dr. Jeffreys maintains an active schedule as a presenter, adjudicator, lecturer, and guest conductor from secondary to collegiate institutions throughout the United States, and has led all-state choirs in several states. She serves as an international choral adjudicator with *Meeting Music* and on the faculty of *Harmony University*.

Before coming to Georgia Southern, Jeffreys served as Director of Vocal Studies at Erskine College and Theological Seminary. She holds degrees in music performance and conducting from Birmingham Southern College, the University of Mississippi, and the University of South Carolina.