



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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 19, 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 & YouTube. 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 memory of
Mrs. Gloria McAfee Wynn by her granddaughters;
Katie Griffis, Kelli Wynn Muller, and Ashley Wynn Pendas.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Lord's Prayer" by James Tissot.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation

* 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'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.*

Commissioning of Lay Leadership

Rev. Varnell

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-9 (*Pew Bible pg 598*)

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Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

* Hymn No. 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O love that will not let me go;
I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe;

I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.

...That morn shall tearless be.
O love, O love, O love that will not let me go.

- George Matheson

* Second Reading

Luke 11:1-13 (*Pew Bible pg 845*)

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He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation." And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Sermon

"Becoming People of Prayer"

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

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

Adoration

Florence Price

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. 475

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, Allzugleich

Dietrich Buxtehude



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!

Office Closed for MLK Day | Monday, January 20

The church office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, January 21. In case of emergency, please use the on-call line to contact church staff: 478-219-9926.

Montgomery Civil Rights Pilgrimage | March 11-13

Join with other South Georgia United Methodist Churches on this journey to explore the heart of the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, AL from Tuesday, March 11 through Thursday, March 13. Over three days, we will visit key landmarks in Montgomery that highlight the fight for justice, equality, and freedom. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of civil rights history and its ongoing relevance today. The cost to attend is \$475 (\$450 with early registration before January 19).

You can find more details and information on how to register in our weekly newsletter, or by contacting the church office.

Keep up with us online!



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You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at [@MulberryMethodist](#)

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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DR. TERRE JOHNSON
Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH
Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON
Director of Communications

THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

KATHERINE DENT
Crucifer

**EMILY CARROLL &
RAMZI HARLEY**
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:*

Exerpt from the minutes of the Board of Stewards Meeting, December 3, 1907

**Budget: Appropriations for the ensuing
year were fixed by motion as follows:**

Pastor's salary	\$2650.00
Presiding Elder's Quota	350.00
Book-keeper's Salary	360.00
Sexton's Salary	360.00
Insurance	150.00
Light & Water	250.00
Taxes	50.00
Sunday School Supplies	250.00
Music	1200.00
Incidentals	500.00
Fuel	105.00
City Missions	350.00

\$6575.00

Assessments* to meet
same \$7400.00

**Pledges in 1907 were referred to as
"assessments"*



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

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.