



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown Macon.



The Church at Worship BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026 | 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.

For information or comments on accessibility, contact Hunter Godsey at hgodsey@mulberrymethodist.org.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members that made up the Joy Sunday School Class through the years.

The artwork on the cover is "Joyful Mountain Landscape" by Paul Klee.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on “Duke Street”

arr. Wilber Held

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.

We gather this day to worship our great God.

God is worthy of our praise.

We gather to be renewed in our spirits.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

We gather to be made stronger together as the church.

May God be glorified in us this day and always!

Let us worship!

* Opening Hymn No. 66 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

* 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

Psalm 96:1-4, 6-9 (Pew Bible pg 479)

Rev. Stone

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before him, all the earth!

* Hymn No. 101

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Mack Wilberg

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Over all things He gloriously reigneth.
Borne as on eagle wings, safely His Saints He sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore Him!
Let the "amen"
Sum all our praises again,
Now as we worship before Him.

- Joachim Neander, 1650-80; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78

Second Reading Ephesians 3:20-21 (Pew Bible pg 950) Rev. Varnell

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Sermon "A Living Doxology" 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 "Andante" from Organ Sonata VI Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn

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. 98

To God Be the Glory

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* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Emma Lou Diemer



News of the Church

Second Sunday Lunch | Today, following Worship | 12 pm | Fellowship Hall

Immediately following Worship, we will head to the Fellowship Hall for our monthly potluck! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy great food, laughter, and fellowship around the table! This monthly potluck is a great opportunity to connect with each other and with God while sharing a delicious meal.

“Work Out Your Salvation!” 7 Week Sunday School Class



You are invited to be a part of a 7 week Sunday School class, starting January 4 through February 15! “Working Out Your Salvation,” based around Philippians 2:12, will be led by Creede Hinshaw. The class is 10 – 10:45 am each Sunday and will meet on the 2nd Floor of the Education Building (enter by the atrium, follow signs). We have coffee, juice, and biscuits! For more information: call or text Creede Hinshaw (912-713-5191) or email at hinnie@cox.net.

Give Altar Flowers in Honor or Memory of Loved Ones

The Flower Guild is looking for sponsors for the altar flowers in 2026. This is a beautiful way to honor loved ones. To donate flowers or learn more, contact Beth Smith at 478-719-9041.

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!

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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:

In 1944 when Macon was teaming with soldiers, defense workers, college students and young adults, Mulberry Street Methodist Church saw the urgent need for a new Sunday School class to accommodate these newcomers as many in the area were very far from home. Mulberry members set about organizing the new class, sending out a warm welcome to make Mulberry their church home while in this area.

The newly formed Young Adult Class, which was soon renamed The Joy Class, for 81 years has remained an integral part of this historic downtown church. Charlotte Gaines, daughter of Rev. F. M. Gaines is credited with suggesting the name Joy Class with the letters standing for: Jesus-Others-You. In the year 1969, the class had 176 members.

The class always was ready to provide for the spiritual and, when necessary, material needs of its members. Additionally the class always was an integral part of this great church by providing leadership and service in support of its plans and programs. To sincerely emulate the class name, "Jesus-Others-You" was always the primary goal of the Joy Class.

— *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 white to represent God's incarnation in the birth of Jesus Christ.



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