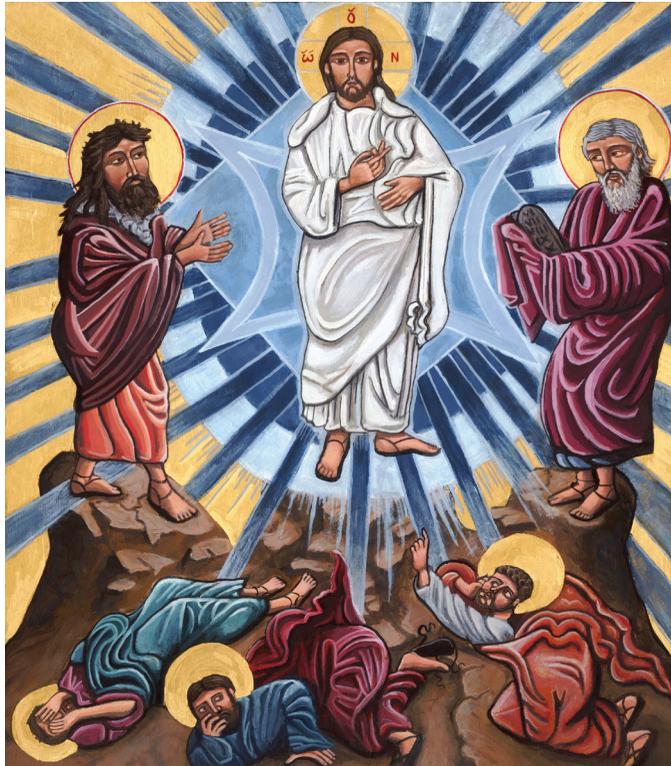


MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The Church at Worship TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 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 Pam and Chuck Huber's 40th wedding anniversary.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Transfiguration" by Kelly Latimore.
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation

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

Matthew 17:1-8 (Pew Bible pg 798)

Rev. Stone

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

* Hymn No. 377

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

Anthem

My God Is a Rock

Spiritual

William Little, soloist Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Refrain:

My God is a rock in a weary land,

Shelter in a time of storm.

And I know He is a rock in a weary land,

Shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter one,

When the Lord God's work was just begun,

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter two,

When the Lord God's written his Bible through,

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter three,

When the Lord God died on Calvary.

Refrain

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter four,
When the Lord God visit 'mong the poor,
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter five,
When the Lord God brought the dead alive,
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter six,
He went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Refrain

Stop, let me tell you 'bout the chapter sev'n,
Died and ris'n and went to heav'n,
Stop, let me tell you 'bout the chapter eight,
John seen Him standing at the golden gate,
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter nine,
Lord God turned the water to wine,
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the chapter ten,
John says He's coming in the world again.

Refrain

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:11; 1 John 2:1-2 (*Pew Bible pg 984, 989*)

Rev. Varnell

Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul.

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Sermon

“Deadly Waters”

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

Voluntary on “Aberystwyth” arr. Charles Hylton Stewart

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. 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

arr. Healey Willan



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!

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 18 | 5:30 Dinner & 6:30 Service

Join us for our annual service of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent, where we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be. We will have a dinner before the service at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and the service will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.



Found Faithful at Mulberry & First: Celebrating 200 Years

This year we are celebrating 200 years of this Church worshiping and serving our community on this corner of First and Mulberry. We will be marking this milestone with a variety of events throughout the year. To learn more about our Bicentennial year and how we're honoring our past, celebrating our present, and envisioning our future together, visit mulberrymethodist.org/bicentennial.

Important Spring Dates:

Sunday, April 26 - Bicentennial Celebration Sunday

Saturday, April 25 - The Mozart Requiem featuring the Ainsworth Choir

Saturday, April 25 - 200 Remarkable Years: A 1-Hour History Stroll with Creede Hinshaw

March 20-24 - Old City Flower Show, hosted by Mulberry Street UMC

March 23-27 - Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

Keep up with us online!



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You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube at [@MulberryMethodist](https://www.instagram.com/MulberryMethodist)

Visit our website at mulberrymethodist.org for our calendar, service recordings, newsletter archives, and more!

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THE AINSWORTH CHOIR

————— *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:

Excerpts from the various historical sources regarding Mulberry's organ.

Since the day pipe organs were first designed for church use, they have been the focal point not only of inspiring and beautiful music but also of a certain romantic or historical tradition. Today's Mulberry organ is actually made up of several organs that have served this Church.

Many of the solo voices are from the original pipe organ that in 1928 through the generosity of the children of Edith Pate Stetson, the gift of a Skinner organ was made to the church as a memorial to their mother. Several of the stops from the Skinner organ were incorporated into the new organ by the Moller Organ Company. When Mulberry's sanctuary burned in 1965, comparatively little of the organ was damaged because most of the pipes were recessed in organ chambers protected by a brick well. Again in 1987, a renovation and revoicing of the organ was completed by the master organ builders of Guzowski and Steppe.

The main body is located behind the altar and is shielded by the gold fabric as seen from the sanctuary. It stands two stories high. The organist sits at the three manual keyboard plus pedal keyboard console located to the right of the altar in the choir chamber. There are 40 ranks or sets of pipes in the main organ and 6 ranks in the Antiphonal. 3,093 pipes speak the infinite combination of voice and tone colors that make up this mighty instrument.

————— *Transfiguration Sunday* —————

Transfiguration Sunday marks the last Sunday in Epiphanytide and is a celebration of the revelation of Jesus' eternal glory and divinity to three of his disciples (Peter, James, and John). The color of the paraments is white to mark one of the pivotal moments in the life of Christ.



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