



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The Church at Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 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. This year we are celebrating 200 years of this Church worshipping on this corner of First & Mulberry. To learn more about our Bicentennial year and how we're celebrating this milestone, visit mulberrymethodist.org/bicentennial.

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.

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/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 in loving memory of the J.V. "Buncie" and Mary Miller Skinner family.

*The artwork on the cover is "Holy Spirit and Fire with Baptismal Font."
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Acts 2 (Pew Bible pg 885)

Rev. Varnell

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath. And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

* Hymn No. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy!
There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!
Joy, there'll be joy!
There'll be joy in the morning!

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine!
And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine!

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
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There'll be love and forgiveness,
There'll be peace and contentment,
There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!

* Second Reading

John 16:12-15 (*Pew Bible pg 879*)

Rev. Varnell

“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Sermon

“Jesus For Everyone!”

Rev. Varnell

Morning Prayer

Rev. Varnell

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

"I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" Camilla Packroff, soloist
from *St. Paul*
by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost,
departing thence delay'd not,
and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Savior,
And of Thy faithfulness evermore.

*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. 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Mark Patterson



News of the Church

Family Fun Day | Sunday, May 31 | 4 pm | Fickling Farm

The whole Mulberry family is invited to join in on the fun Sunday, May 31 at Fickling Farm! Our Family Ministries team is hosting a Fun Day for all ages - we'll grill hot dogs & hamburgers, play games for kids & adults alike, and have a great time of fellowship together! Fickling Farm Entrance: 5215 Rivoli Drive, Macon, GA

June Worship & Prayer | Wednesday, June 3 | Fellowship Hall

Join us for Worship & Prayer in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 3! Start your month with music, prayer and special activity stations. We will share a meal and then move into a time of meditation, silent prayer & modern worship. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, and we will move into our time of worship at 6:15.

VBS 2026 - Snowball Mountain Challenge | June 8-12

9:00am - 12:00pm M-F | PreK (4) - 5th Grade | This year for VBS, we're heading up Snowball Mountain! Together with Ollie the Arctic Seal, kids will learn how to find their strength in God, based on Philippians 4:13- "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Contact Elisa Reece with questions or to volunteer! Register kids at mulberrymethodist.org/vbs.

Office Closed for Memorial Day | Monday, May 25

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, May 26. Though the church office will not be open, the dedicated on-call line is available for any emergency or urgent need. The on-call number is: 478-219-9926.

Keep up with us online!



Stay updated on the Mulberry community by subscribing to our weekly newsletter!
To sign up, visit bit.ly/mulnews or scan the QR code.

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

TREY POWELL

Bearer of the Holy Spirit Dove

A Bicentennial Moment

In conjunction with Mulberry's 2026 Bicentennial Celebration, the Leonard Hill Cochran Historical Room presents a moment of Mulberry history.

Carolyn Kennedy Dominy, Church Historian

**From the Winter/Spring 2013 edition of
"The Mulberry Quarterly":**

"The need for a room where Mulberry Street Methodist Church could keep the historical collection dating from the organization in 1826 was met in 1958. William P. Stevens was chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a new renovation of our sanctuary was planned at that time. He and his wife, Mildred, saw that a lot of history would be lost if it was not organized and kept in one central location. Records of all types were gathered to be preserved. Mildred Stevens herself began collection pictures of former pastors. All these pastor's pictures are on the walls of our Historical Room today. We lack only one, that is of Thomas Gardner, a local preacher and carpenter, who not only was our very first minister but built our first church. There is information in the Historical Room about missionaries sent from Mulberry through the centuries from Dr. W. B. Burke to China in the late 1800s to Morgan and Rosalie Johnson in Africa during the 1960s. Also on file are many pictures of the church buildings inside and out.

In 1964, Bessie Hart, with the help of Elizabeth Clark, published a book entitled "Pastors of Mulberry" highlighting the fifty-three past ministers at that time. The book was completed with biographical sketches and pictures. After its completion, the historical room was then dedicated and named for Dr. Leonard Hill Cochran, Mulberry pastor from 1954 to 1964."

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the story in Acts 2 of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in a special way. The paraments in the sanctuary are red to represent the tongues of fire coming over people as the Holy Spirit was poured out over people from all over the world.



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