



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The Church at Worship

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 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
and in loving memory of Hilda Harris, given by her daughter Bobbi Gore.*

*The artwork on the cover is "The Holy Trinity" by Mary Jane Miller.
<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/59672>*

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation

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.*

Proclamation & Response

First Reading

Psalm 27 (Pew Bible pg 437)

Rev. Stone

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!

* Hymn No. 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid, I've called you by name.
My love for you is everlasting.
My love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep you away.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are My child, you are my child.
You are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always.
Just hold my hand, and I'll bring you home.
When you feel lost always remember
I am right here, just call out my name.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep you away.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are My child, you are my child.
You are so precious to me.
- based on Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18 (Pew Bible pg 952)

Rev. Varnell

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

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

Sermon

“Winning The Battle”

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

Dreaming
from "Scenes from Childhood" Op. 15, No. 7

Robert Schumann

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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. 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

WEBB

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on "Webb"

arr. Daniel McIntosh



News of the Church

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

Today! The whole Mulberry family is invited to join in on the fun 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.

Summer of Psalms Sunday School Class | Starting June 7

Join us for a five-week walk through the Psalms as we explore everything from joyful worship to sorrowful lament and see how we can model in our modern lives how the psalmists cried out to God. This class will be led by Julia Magda and will meet on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Mustard Seed classroom at the church from June 7 to July 5. No book to purchase; bring your own Bible or we'll have some to share as well.

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!

REV. JACK VARNELL

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Crucifer

RUTH STANSFIELD

& THOMAS DUNN

Candle Lighters

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

The below was printed in the Fall 2010 edition of "The Mulberry Quarterly":

"In 1926, Mulberry celebrated its 100th birthday beginning on Tuesday, April 6th through Sunday April 11th. At that time, Dr. W. N. Ainsworth was bishop, Walter Anthony, senior pastor and Ralph Porterfield, assistant pastor.

On Wednesday evening brief historical resumes were given by "Mulberry Street Church Daughters and Granddaughters" – that is, ladies from Vineville, East Macon, First Street, Second Street, Centenary, Ingleside and Newburg Methodist, all churches established by Mulberry from 1846 to 1916. On Thursday evening, the sermon was given by Dr. W. W. Pinson entitled "Mulberry's Contributions to Missions For The Past Hundred Years." Friday, Dr. T. D. Ellis was in charge of the pageant, "Historic Mulberry." Bishop Ainsworth gave the Sunday morning sermon and that night Dr. Alonzo Monk spoke at the closing of the celebration.

A 64-page booklet was printed and distributed which included the church history to that date. Pictures showed the old buildings that had served as sanctuaries since 1827.

During the week a building campaign was begun entitled "A Call to Arms". Members were asked to contribute a minimum of \$250,000 to remodel the present church building and erecting a modern Sunday School plant. Thus, the fourth church structure was built and is the one seen today standing on the corner of Mulberry and First Streets.

Trinity Sunday

The first Sunday after Pentecost is the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.


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