MULBERRY STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The Church at Worship

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 1, 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 worshiping 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.

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

Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary Improvisation on "Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Daniel McIntosh

Welcome & News of the Church Rev. Jack Varnell

Greeting

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Procession of the All Saints' Banner

Please stand in silence as the banner passes your pew.

* Opening Hymn No. 711 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

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.

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Rev. Varnell

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.

Remembrance of the Saints

Let us remember those from this congregation who now share the triumph of Christ.

Naming of the Saints — Rev. Varnell

Betsy & Jim Abbott
October 22, 2025

Mickey Pope
October 28, 2025

Lowell Belk
October 30, 2025

Betty Cox
November 2, 2025

Jean Weatherford
November 25, 2025

Shirley Griffin
December 21, 2025

Paul Knight
January 2026

June Jackson
January 6, 2026

Charlie Cloaninger
January 23, 2026

Margaret Easterlin
February 6, 2026

Yetta Price
February 12, 2026

Marguerite Pound
March 22, 2026

Frances Inzer
March 28, 2026

Homer Scarborough
April 11, 2026

Ashley Hurt
April 23, 2026

Peggy Pittman
May 4, 2026

Doyle Powers
May 21, 2026

Anna Waters
June 5, 2026

Edyth Snow
August 20, 2026

Betty Morris
September 12, 2026

Rebecca Rankin
September 16, 2026

Shelby Cramer
September 25, 2026

Mary Hurt
October 19, 2026

Act of Remembrance — Chris Abbott

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

All Saints' Prayer — Rev. Varnell

We thank you, O God, for these your saints.
We are grateful for their lives and their witness.

We remember the love they showed us,
the care they gave us,
and the lessons they taught us.

We lift them up to you with grateful hearts,
and we rejoice that they have found their eternal home.

May we live as your saints here on earth,
until that day when we are reunited with the saints above,
and dwell forever in your light, your goodness, and your glory.

Amen.

Anthem — *The Journey Home* — Craig Courtney
Steven Taylor, cello

Alleluia.
We walk by faith and not by sight,
this life a winding journey home.
Although at times the path is dark,
we do not travel it alone.
There is no cause for fear or dread.
The Spirit knows what lies ahead,
Remaining faithful by our side,
an ever-present help and guide.

Alleluia.
We know in part; we dimly see
as through a darkened glass,
yet we shall know as we are known,
our vision clear at last.
What waits for us beyond the veil
lies hidden from our sight
in mystery until the time
we cross into its light.

Our journey does not go unseen
by those who stand on heaven's shore.
They do not sleep. They watch and wait,
the saints who traveled here before.
Like them, we too will run the race
and meet the Savior face to face
inside the new Jerusalem,
our homeward journey at an end.
Alleluia.

We walk by faith and not by sight.
Alleluia.

- Pamela Stewart

Proclamation & Response

Scripture Reading — Psalm 148 *(Pew Bible pg 508)* — Rev. Varnell

> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
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> Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
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> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

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

Communion Meditation — Rev. Varnell

Thanksgiving & Communion

Invitation to the Table — Rev. Varnell

Confession and Pardon

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory "Pastorale" by Richard I. Purvis

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* The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Varnell

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of parents.
Let an usher know if you wish to be served in the pew.
Gluten free bread is available on the pedestal at the base of the steps.
An offering plate along the sanctuary wall is available for a communion offering, which is designated for the pastor's discretionary fund.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

* Closing Hymn No. 709 *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* FOREST GREEN

* Benediction & Sending Forth Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary Sonata No. 4 in B Flat Major, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn
IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

News of the Church

Stewardship Sunday: Generosity Matters | November 8 at 11 am

Join as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 8! Our theme for the year is "Generosity Matters." We want to be known as generous people because God has been generous to us, God has entrusted us with his gifts, and God accomplishes so much through our giving. As we prepare for this special Sunday, we invite you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Mulberry for 2027. Pledge cards may be brought to worship that Sunday, mailed, delivered to the church office, or completed online. Together, may we continue to be a church of generous hearts!

"The Wired Word" New Sunday School Class | 10 am in the Parlor

A Scripture-based curriculum as current as this week's news! Led by Bernard & Wende Meyer von Bremen, this new class meets in the Parlor for weekly discussions structured around biblical commentary and questions related to a topic in that week's news. If you are interested in participating in this class, please call the church office at 478-745-8601 or contact Bernard or Wende!

Wednesday Night Worship & Prayer | November 11 | 5:30 pm

Join us for this monthly time of song and prayer! We will share a meal and then move into a time of worship. Engage with prayer stations & activities, and meditate on scripture.
We will meet at 5:30 for dinner, and the service begins at 6:15.

Keep up with us online!

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

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Lay Communion Servers

WILL MAGDA
Banner Bearer

GEORGE DUNN
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 following is a notice from the Church Bulletin, Sunday, January 27, 1946:

OUR JUNIOR CHOIR.

"We are delighted to have our Junior Choir participate in the service this morning. As announced last month, they will take part in a morning Worship Service each month. Today they will perform the Anthem "Fairest Lord Jesus" led by the Choir Director Miss Raeburn Stubbs with Miss Evelyn Smith, Organist.

The following boys and girls are members of the choir: Kirk Stubbs, Peggy Brown, Zelma Yarborough, Joan Hudson, Betty Jean Smith, Helen Copeland, Dinah Cutter, Patricia Edmund, Aveline Tidwell, Julie Wise, Charles Corn, Lila Burney, Jerry Joyner, Eugenia Jung, Margie Clark, Kye Holland, Dorothy Cribb, Shirley Newton, Fabia Trice, Walter Butler, Jimmy Ellis, Martha Adams, Ann Cork, Martha Ann Bennett, Claire Hatcher, Betty Jo Scott, Susan Corn, Joan Joyner, Edith Hardwick, Julie Ann Brown. These boys and girls are making a worthwhile contribution to the beauty and sacredness of our worship services."

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All Saints' Sunday

The first Sunday of November is All Saints' Sunday. On All Saints' Sunday, we honor and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith in the last year. The color of paraments is white to represent Christ's death and resurrection.