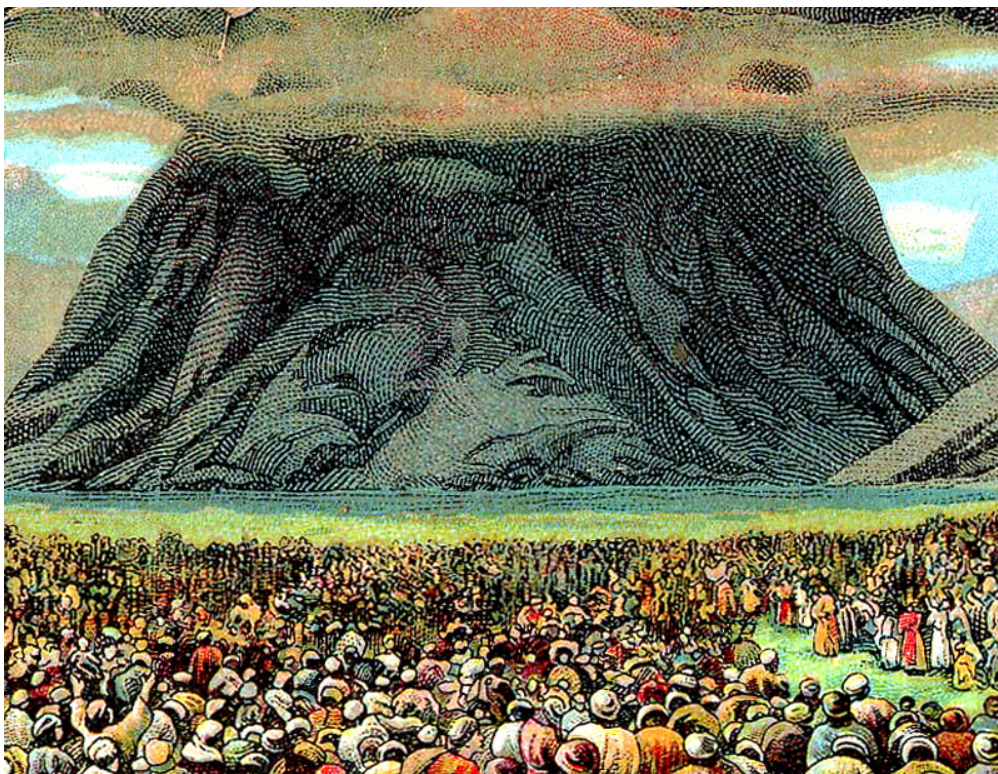


MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Sharing the heart of God from the heart of downtown
Macon by fostering healing for the broken places of life.*



The Church at Worship ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025 | 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.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of their parents, Harold and Madge Chapman and Albert and Alouise Wray by Harold and Freeda Chapman.

*The artwork on the cover is a Bible Card Illustration called "Ten Commandments".
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*Please rise in body and/or in spirit. **Bold Type** indicates congregational participation



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Voluntary in G

by Henry Heron

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.

The law of the Lord is perfect.

Revive our souls with life and hope today.

The testimony of the Lord is sure.

Guide us into all humility, wisdom, and truth.

The precepts of the Lord are right.

Fill our hearts with joy and enlighten us by your Word.

Let us worship God together!

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.

* Opening Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

* 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.

Proclamation & Response

Responsive First Reading Psalm 23 (Pew Bible pg 435)

Rev. Stone

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

* Hymn No. 475

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Anthem

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the father,
and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen

- Michael Dennis Browne

Second Reading

Exodus 20:7-11 (Pew Bible pg 58)

Rev. Varnell

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

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

Sermon

“Reverence & Rest”

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

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Charles Callahan

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. 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

* Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Varnell

Closing Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Albert L. Travis



News of the Church

CCM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | September 18 | \$10 Tickets

The Children's Center at Mulberry will host a to-go Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Thursday, September 18. Tickets cost \$10 per plate and can be purchased at the CCM office during the week or by calling the church office at 478-745-8601. Pickup will be available from 3-6 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. We hope you can take part in this fundraiser & show your support for the Children's Center!

September Worship & Prayer | Wednesday, September 3 | 5:30 pm

Join us September 3 for Wednesday Night Worship & Prayer! Our monthly time of contemplative practices, prayer and worship is a great opportunity to deepen our faith together. Dinner begins in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm, followed by the service at 6:15 pm. We'll see you there!

UWF Esther Grace Circle September Meeting | September 12 | 1 pm

The new school year has begun and the Esther Grace Woman's Circle has a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 12 at 1pm in our church conference room. All women are urged and invited to join us as we plan ways to serve God! We will also study An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you are interested in ordering this \$10. book, please let Elyene Thompson (elyenet@att.net) know. It's going to be a great year!

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

Senior Pastor

REV. PAYTON STONE

Associate Pastor

ELISA REECE

Director of Family Ministries

DR. TERRE JOHNSON

Director of Music

DANIEL MCINTOSH

Organist

MILLIE THOMPSON

Director of Communications

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 Committees given at
the Board of Stewards meeting, March 28 1963.**

The Commission of Finance and Treasurer's Report noted that approximately one-third of the 1962-63 pledges had been collected to date with total pledges towards the 1962-63 budget were \$108,261.21. Also reported was the fact that since the beginning of the new church year, there were 56 new members.

The Music Department reported that 8 singing groups plus a small group selected for special services furnish music regularly for worship service. For the most part, our younger choirs meet for the purpose of learning the music of the church and fundamentals of singing. They appear in public only at Christmas and Easter. On Palm Sunday evening, combined youth choirs will sing Holy Week music assisted by students from Wesleyan College and the Male Quartet. On Maundy Thursday, the Ainsworth Choir will sing a group of anthems preceding Holy Communion. Then on Easter Sunday, special music, including a brass ensemble, will be heard at all three worship services. For May, several musical events are planned, including presentation of Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass on the evening of the 26th by the 16-voice Motel Choir and a gala evening of music for entertainment on family night, May 29th.


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

Season of Ordinary Time

The season of Ordinary Time emphasizes the church living & witnessing in the world. The color of the paraments is green to represent the church's growth & presence.