



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



The Church at Worship

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 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.

For information or comments on accessibility, contact Hunter Godsey at **hgodsey@mulberrymethodist.org.**

*The flowers on the altar are in memory and honor of all Mulberry's Saints.
We celebrate their memory and honor them today.*

*The artwork on the cover is "Elijah" by John August Swanson.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56543>*

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



Entrance & Praise

Opening Voluntary

Come, Come Ye Saints

arr. Sam Fleming

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.

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. 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

GREATOR EX

**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

Alton Hix

October 27, 2024

Martha Thompson

November 7, 2024

Milton Heard

December 1, 2024

Lois McLain

February 10, 2025

Robert (Bob) Waters

May 17, 2025

Susan Middlebrooks

September 20, 2025

All Saints' Prayer

Rev. Stone

Loving God, we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day.

We celebrate the saints who have served you and have been an example for us throughout the past.

We give you thanks for the joy for being a part of the communion of saints with those who have gone before and those who scattered around the globe.
Open to us your Spirit to continue being the saints You have called us to be.

As we come now to remember those from Mulberry Street who now share in your glory,

Comfort us in our grief, grant us your grace, and, to all those who loved them, your peace.

Inspire our hearts to follow their example,

That we too may be your faithful disciples who walk in the way that leads to life. Amen.

Anthem

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

Early American Hymn

Arr. Alice Parker

Hark I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore;
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest,
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Proclamation & Response

* Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19 (Pew Bible pg 852)

Rev. Varnell

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon

"You Just Never Know"

Rev. Varnell

Thanksgiving & Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Stone

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Stone

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

Shall We Gather at the River?

by Robert Lowry,
arr. Tim Doran

Make your offering to God online by visiting mulberrymethodist.org/give or in the offering plate.

* 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

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

by Johann Pachelbel



News of the Church

Stewardship Sunday | Sunday, November 9 | 11 am Worship

Our Stewardship Campaign theme this year is “Moving Into God’s Future.” As part of Stewardship, each of us is invited to make a pledge to support Mulberry Street financially in the coming year. During worship on Stewardship Sunday, we will have the opportunity to turn in our Commitment Cards as an act of worship. You can also submit a digital pledge through Realm, which allows you to easily set up a recurring gift, and track your giving throughout the year. Fill out a digital pledge at: bit.ly/mulpledge25.

November Worship & Prayer | Wednesday, November 5 | 5:30 pm

Start your month with this time of intentional contemplation, prayer, and music. 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!



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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———— *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 a Resolution passed
August 4, 1949:**

The Mulberry Street Methodist Church which we know and love is the fruit of wise planning, able leadership and God working through all the means made available to Him by His people here. Those who have gone before us have wrought well and we have entered into their dreams and labors. Mulberry has stood on this corner for almost a century and a quarter proclaiming the Good News of a Savior to Mankind.

However, the Mulberry of tomorrow depends upon how well we plan today. It is a fact worthy of praise and commendation that your Board of Trustees has already been looking into the future of Mulberry and has purchased adjoining properties and it is hoped that the remainder of a lot, adjacent to the church property and fronting 1st Street, can be purchased. When this is done our church will own the property a city lot wide extending from Mulberry to 1st Street paralleling original property lines. Along with this there are those who envision some permanent improvements to our present physical plant, namely a modern dining room and kitchen, a chapel for small meetings, weddings, etc., more facilities for Ladies Adult classes, and adequate recreation hall and center for entertaining our youth.

———— *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.