

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2017  
Eleven O'clock



### *Entrance and Praise*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Voluntary

trad. Appalachian Folk Tune

“Meditation on I Wonder as I Wander” arr. Tim Rumsey

\* Hymn No. 220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

**Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**(WOMEN) Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**(MEN) Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations,  
You have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

\* Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace  
Greg Elliott and Lisa Shepard

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, (stanza 5) arr. R. Kosowski

**(All) “O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free,  
and conquer death’s deep misery.”**

God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it.  
You created all things and called them good.

God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity  
from your infinite palette of creativity.  
All the creatures that walk or swim,  
crawl or fly sing praises to you.

**(All) We, God’s people, affirm the creation  
of all things in love, saying with the psalmist:  
“God’s salvation is very close to those  
who honor God so that God’s glory  
can live in our land. Faithful love and truth  
have met; righteousness and peace have kissed.”**

On this second Sunday of Advent,  
we light this candle to remind us  
that the God of Creation calls us home  
to love all that we meet.

**(All) “Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”**

\* New Testament Lesson  
Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Wake, o wake and hear the voices (BWV 140)*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Ainsworth Choir  
Ainsworth Choir Interns  
Wesley Choir

1. Chorus

*Wake, o wake and hear the voices,  
Of watchmen from high in their places:  
Awake, rise up, Jerusalem!*

*Midnight’s hour lies here before us;  
They call to us and cry in chorus:  
Where are you, virgins, rise and come.*

*Rise up, the bridegroom comes;  
Stand up and take your lamps,  
Alleluia!*

*Prepare yourselves for the marriage;  
You must go out to meet him now.*

2. Recitative Peter Schultz, Tenor

*He comes, the bridegroom comes!  
O Zion's daughters, now arise.  
He hastens down from his high places  
To your own mother's house.  
The bridegroom comes; see there, he passes  
And like a bold young deer he leaps upon the hill  
And brings the festive wedding meal.  
Awake and run with cheer,  
For there appears your bridegroom;  
There see him! Come and bid him welcome.*

3. Duet Krysta Therieau, Soprano  
Taylor Mosely, Baritone

*The Soul: Where are you? O come!  
I wait here with lam filled and burning.  
Come, open the room, For banquets of heav'n.  
Come, Jesu.*

*Jesus Christ: I come now, my own.  
I open the room, For banquets of heav'n.  
I come now.  
Come, soul most deserving!*

4. Chorale

*Zion hears the watchmen's voices;  
Her heart leaps upward and rejoices.  
She wakes and runs to him with joy.  
For her friend comes from the heavens,  
Adorned with grace; with truth he governs.  
Her light is bright, her star is high.  
Now come, thou worthy crown,  
Lord Jesu, God's own Son,  
Hosanna!  
We follow all to his great hall  
To celebrate this joyous meal.*

5. Recitative (Jesus Christ) Joel Terning, Baritone

*Come, enter in to me, my chosen bride most fair!  
I have betrothed myself to you for ever more.  
And now upon my heart,  
Upon my arm here as a seal I set you,  
And for your grief I will requite you.  
Forget, O spirit, all the pain and doubt.  
That once did sore oppress you;  
Upon my left hand you shall rest,  
And with my right I will embrace you.*

6. Duet Katie Trotter, Soprano  
Joel Terning, Baritone

*The Soul: My friend is mine;  
No sorrow now divides us.  
I go with you, To gardens heav'n provides us;  
Delight in its fullness and love there shall be.  
Jesus Christ: I am your own;  
No sorrow now divides us.  
You go with me, to gardens heav'n provides us;  
Delight in its fullness and love there shall be.*

7. Chorale

*Gloria we sing before thee;  
Let men and angels all adore thee  
With harps and cymbals' glad refrain.*

*Of twelve pearls are made the portals  
To thy great city, where we mortals  
With angels gather round thy throne.*

*No eye has ever seen,  
No ear has heard the sound of such gladness.*

*Our joy shall grow, I – o, I – o,  
Ever in dulci júbilo.*

***Kneeling in Bethlehem***

Michael Burkhardt, Music

Ann Weems, Readings

“In December Darkness”

Taylor Russell

\* Hymn No. 692

Michael Burkhardt

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

*(Choir) Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.*

*(Choir) When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came, but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary,  
blessed mother mild.*

**(All) At your great name, O Jesus,  
now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.**

**(All) Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.**

**(All) To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise honor, might and glory  
be from age to age eternally. Amen.**

“Sitting on the Hillsides”

Adele Bauman

Offertory Anthem

William Billings

“Methinks I See an Heavenly Host”

arr. M. Burkhardt

*Methinks I see an heav'nly host of angels on the wing;  
Methinks I hear their cheerful notes, so merrily they sing.*

*Let all your fears be banish'd hence, glad tidings I proclaim,  
For there's a Savior born today, and Jesus is his name.*

*Then suddenly the heav'nly hosts  
around the shepherds throng,  
Exulting in the threefold God and thus address their song.*

“Had We Been There”

Lindsey Rueter

Carol Anthem trad. Polish Carol  
"Shepherd's Carol" arr. M. Burkhardt

*Shepherds, run to Bethlehem this holy night,  
Leave your sheep, be on your way, behold the sight!  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth!*

*Shepherds, pay your homage to the Infant King,  
Joyfully, with heart and voice, your praises sing!  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth!*

*Shepherds heard the good news angel choirs did bring,  
News, so wondrous, heav'n and earth together sing:  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth!*

"In Search of Kneeling Places" Nick Spooner

\* Hymn No. 238 GLORIA  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. M. Burkhardt

**(Men) Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly sing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

**(All) Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**(Women) Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**(All) Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**(All) Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**(All) Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

"Unexpected" Lindsey Rueter

Carol Solo trad. Appalachian Carol  
"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"

Wesley Choir & Krysta Therieau, Soprano

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed;  
All the evil folk on earth sleep with feathers at their birth.*

*Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother went to that stable on that Christmas eve so late?  
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, stars were glowing.*

Voluntary TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM  
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" arr. M. Burkhardt  
"Pastorale" from *Concerto grosso in G* Arcangelo Corelli

Carol Anthem arr. M. Burkhardt  
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

**(All) Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.**

*(Choir) Angels sang about his birth, Wise Men sought and found him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth glory all around him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.*

**(All) Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled but no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise his name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!**

## *Sending Forth*

“God So Loved the World”

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Closing Carol

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

arr. M. Burkhardt

**(Verse 1 - All) Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!**

**Let ev’ry hill and valley a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory, fortold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!**

**(Verse 3 - All) Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised King!**

**Your King, yet ev’ry nation its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!**

**(Verse 4 - All) His is no earthy kingdom;  
it comes from heav’n above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.  
So let our praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!**

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*The arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the Ainsworth Memorial Choir by the Flower Guild.*



### **Orchestra**

#### Violin I

*Kevin Chaney, Concertmaster*

*Ashley Dean Whittle, Nelson Galarraga, Alex Lipsky*

#### Violin II

*Jonathan Urizar, Charissa Leung, Bethany Moss*

#### Viola

*Erik Binkhuysen & Julia Swain*

#### Cello

*Roy Harran (continuo)*

*Mary Grace Bender*

#### Bass

*Maurice Bell*

#### Flute

*Amy Ensel*

#### Oboe

*Maia Nichols*

*Emily Brebach*

*English Horn*

*Martha Kleiner*

*French Horn*

*Jay Hanselman & Zachary Potts*