

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2015
Nine O'clock*



Greeting

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary

“Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift”

Hermann Schroeder

Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song.

The Lord has done marvelous things.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the hills sing together for joy
for the Lord is with us.**

* Carol No. 220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of earth and heaven,

when you brought your firstborn into the world,
you sent your angel messengers,
swift as the winds,
and your servants,
like flames of fire,
to tell the glad news.

Give us courage in the midst of all earth's shadows
to praise you for the Light that overcomes;
to sing the glory of your beloved Son,
who came to live among us,
full of grace and truth. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Act of Praise
“Mary, Did You Know?”

Chris Abbott, Tenor
B. Greene & M. Lowry

Prayer

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 Gifts

* Hymn of Response

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-18

Response: The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Bill Culpepper

“Don't They Know It's Christmas?”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Closing Carol No. 246

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Millie and Larry Murray's 50th Wedding Anniversary
by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

*A Poinsettia was given in loving memory
of Guy Harrington by Curtis & Dee Barnes.*

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

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Today's Sermon

“Don't They Know Its Christmas?”

Today's Scripture

Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”¹

Sermon Notes

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