



\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Pam Johnston

**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.**

\* Hymn No. 219  
"What Child Is This"

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Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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**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 and Gifts

\* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* New Testament Lesson

Luke 2:36-40

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Wonder of Christmas: "The Wonder of Hope"

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pam Johnston

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 251

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Hunter Godsey, Guest Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the staff, volunteers and visitors  
at Macon Outreach by Tim and Melissa Anderson.*

## ***If You Are New to Mulberry***

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

*Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Thank you for worshipping with us today!  
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to  
participate in our worship, growth opportunities  
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you  
will find this church to be a warm,  
caring community that you can call home.*

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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

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during our Sunday morning worship services  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am.*

*You may transfer from another Methodist church,  
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For more information, please contact Karen Carter  
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December 31, 2017*

**Today's Sermon**

The Wonder of Christmas: "The Wonder of Hope"

**Today's Scripture**

Luke 2:36-40 (NLT)

<sup>36</sup> Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. <sup>37</sup> Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. <sup>38</sup> She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>40</sup> There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

**Sermon Notes**

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