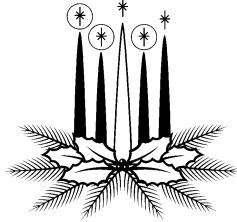


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018  
Eleven O'clock

*As you enter this holy space and begin to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here," you are encouraged to use these moments to become aware of the quiet places within so that you are ready to worship God. Please silence your cell phones. Come, let us worship God.*



## Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Please sign the Attendance Pad as it is passed, and then return it to the center aisle, noting the names of those who are seated on your pew.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Introit

"One Star"

Cheryl Rogers

*One star led to Bethlehem,  
One star clearly showed the way,  
One star brought the Savior near,  
One star brought him here.*

*One love came to earth that night,  
One love wrapped in blankets warm . . .*

*Why so meek and lowly?  
Why in a cattle stall?  
Why should one so kingly  
have been brought to earth this way?*

*One birth was the manger boy,  
One birth grew into a man . . .*

Call to Worship

Jack Carter

Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

At Christmas Jesus came as a baby.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

He came to be like us because he loves us.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

He came to save us from our sin.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

He died, rose from the dead, and lives in heaven.

He will come again because he loves us.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

We praise Jesus, who came as a baby  
and will come again at the end of time.

**Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

*from The Worship Sourcebook*

### Advent Candle Lighting

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness  
but have the light of life."

**We light this candle as a sign  
of the coming light of Christ.**

*As we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silent Night  
this month, the youth and children sing:*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

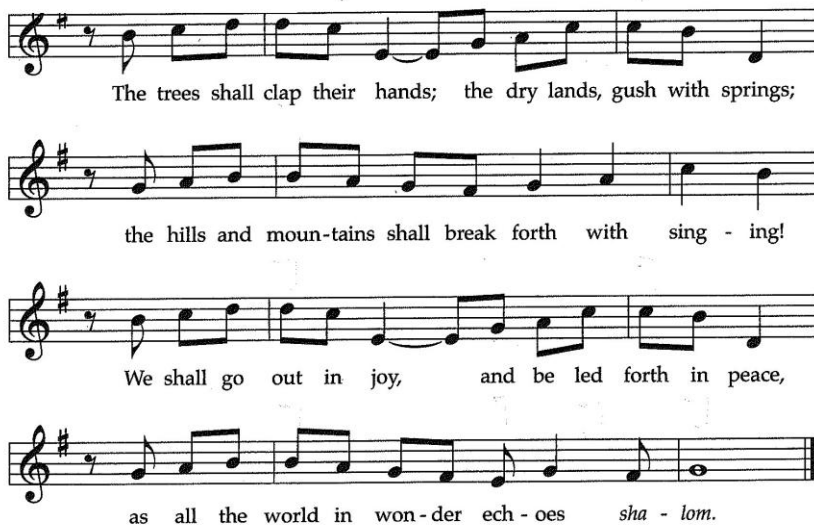
### Prayer

#### Congregational Response

*Ensemble:*

*Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.*

*Please remain seated and sing:*



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes hallelujah.

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## *Proclamation and Response*

### Children's Moment

Rev. Jeff Cook

*Children are invited to the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for Children's Church  
after Children's Moment.*

*Parents: As the congregation sings Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
please come forward to assist your child if needed to find you  
or to go to Children's Church.*

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

*Please remain seated to sing.*

*Hymn No. 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

Epistle Reading

Melinda Powell

Philippians 4:4-7

Old Testament in Song

Isaiah 12:2-6

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Jack Noble White

*Please sing the refrain when indicated.*

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -  
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -  
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior. *Fine*

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Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation  
and on that day you shall say,  
"Give thanks to the Lord  
and call upon God's name." *Refrain*

Make God's deeds known among the peoples,  
see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for God has done great things  
and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;  
ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

\* Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
Luke 3:7-18  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery  
A Disturbing Word from the Wilderness:  
“Silent Night, Holy Night . . . Shepherds Quake at the Sight . . .”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion! G. F. Handel  
from *Messiah*  
*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*  
*Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:*  
*behold, thy king cometh unto thee.*  
*He is the righteous Savior,*  
*and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.*  
*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

## *Sending Forth*

\* Hymn No. 224  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Response  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**  
**Let earth receive her King;**  
**let every heart prepare him room,**  
**and heaven and nature sing . . .**

*Please feel free to remain seated for the closing voluntary.*  
*If departing, please be sensitive to those remaining*  
*for the concluding music.*

Closing Voluntary Michael Burkhardt  
“Joy to the World”

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*  
*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word*  
*or song are noted in **bold type**.*

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Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Cherub and Wesley Choirs with youth assistants  
Katie Trotter, Soprano  
Amy Schwartz Moretti, Violin  
Jack Carter, Liturgist  
Melinda Powell, Liturgist  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath:  
Vaughan, Beth, Will and Mary Stuart Smith  
Reilly Brown, Lead Acolyte  
John Morgan Manley, Crucifer  
Austin Carter & Zoe McAfee, Candlelighters

*The arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mack and Sarah Guest by their children:  
Mack and Camilla, Judson and Paula, June and Joe,  
David and Debbie, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.*



## *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed.

Nursery Care is provided for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and find us on Facebook.

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.

# *Celebrating Advent and Christmas at Mulberry*

## Advent Study

### *A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art*

Sunday – December 23

10:00 a.m. – Becomers Class (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Led by Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Wednesday – December 19

12:00 Noon – Parlor

Led by Rev. Jeff Cook

## Sunday, December 16

### **Family Caroling**

*All ages, voices, and instruments welcome!*

*Meet in the Atrium to spread Christmas cheer around Macon.*

*Questions? Please contact Julia Magda (478) 719-9562.*

## Saturday, December 22

### **Nativity Practice**

10:00-11:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 23

### **Children's Nativity**

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 23

### *A Carol Festival: "The Dawn of Redeeming Grace" Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Silent Night"*

3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Tom Granum, organ

## Monday, December 24

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service  
*especially mindful of children*

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Prelude

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

## Sunday, December 30

### **Combined Worship Service**

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship for All (Sweet Rolls & Coffee)

Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

*This will be the only worship service.*