

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Third Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 2016  
Eleven O'clock*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

“Prelude” (Op 18)

César Franck

Call to Worship

Ruth Knox

Let us worship God,  
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.  
**Listen, listen to me,**  
**and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**  
We have come to hear the Word God has sent.  
**God’s Word will not return empty**  
**but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
**Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;**  
**the mountains and the hills will sing;**  
**the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

All-knowing and all-caring God,  
we gather this day drained by another week.  
We are like a parched desert,  
empty and in need of replenishment.  
Visit us with your presence,  
saturate us with your Spirit,  
and bathe us in your streams of living water,  
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you  
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

Act of Praise

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Betsy Swanson, Soprano

Ainsworth Choir

Allen Pote

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Murphy James Hinshaw

Son of Jeremy and Brandi Hinshaw

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith  
and include Murphy now before you  
in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Murphy**

**with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that he may grow in his trust of God,  
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,  
We commend Murphy to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith,  
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love’s expression,  
love’s creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Children’s Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.*

*K-4 and K-5 children will leave for*

*Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.*

Old Testament Reading

Ruth Knox

Proverbs 21:20-27

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tommy Perkins

ReAlign: Keeping the Books

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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  
“Andantino”

Harold E. Darke

\* Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## **SENDING FORTH**

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Closing Voluntary

“Prelude”

Hensel - Mendelssohn

\* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*

*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

*Ainsworth Choir*

*David Keith, Conductor*

*Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries*

*Ruth Knox, Lay Reader*

*Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte*

*Alex Stone, Acolyte*

*Hayden Martin, Crucifer*

*Graham Hefner & Xavier Tarbox, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Anna Dominy by the family.*

## **Welcome All Visitors**

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.  
Please make sure you sign the **Attendance Register** as it is passed.*

***Nursery Care** is provided for children under 4 years of age.  
Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

### **Up & Coming Events & Prayer List**

*Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List  
is located in the Registration Pads on your pew.*

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**Today's Sermon**

ReAlign: Keeping the Books

**Today's Scripture**

Proverbs 21:20-27

- <sup>20</sup> Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise,  
but the fool devours it.
- <sup>21</sup> Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness  
will find life and honor.
- <sup>22</sup> One wise person went up against a city of warriors  
and brought down the stronghold in which they trusted.
- <sup>23</sup> To watch over mouth and tongue  
is to keep out of trouble.
- <sup>24</sup> The proud, haughty person, named “Scoffer,”  
acts with arrogant pride.
- <sup>25</sup> The craving of the lazy person is fatal,  
for lazy hands refuse to labor.
- <sup>26</sup> All day long the wicked covet,  
but the righteous give and do not hold back.
- <sup>27</sup> The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;  
how much more when brought with evil intent.

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

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and click on “Listen” on top right.*