

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2020
Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Voluntary

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Let us meet God in this gathering.

**We gather to praise God, to offer our hopes,
to hear again God's call, to strengthen our faith.**

God calls us to honor all persons, be kind to our neighbors, and praise God's holy name.

Let us worship God who calls us, who loves us, and who blesses us!

from Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

* **Entrance Hymn No. 584** (Stanzas 1-4) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* Opening Prayer

Please remain standing.

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen.

Melinda Powell

* Congregational Response

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Proclamation and Response

Children ages 5K and under are invited to leave for Children's Church during the Congregational Prayer for Illumination.

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

This prayer is Hymn No. 599.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Melinda Powell

* **Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Homily

A World Like No Other

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Congregational Song

Blest Are They

David Haas

Please sing the refrain when indicated.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled. *Refrain*

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! *Refrain*

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

from Feasting on the Word

All pray in silence.

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering of Our Gifts

The Beatitudes

Albert Hay Malotte

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery & Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Lift of your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Now, Master,
you are letting your servants go in peace as you promised;
for our eyes have seen the salvation
that you have made ready in the sight of the nations;
a light of revelation for the gentiles
and glory for your people, Israel.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn No. 708

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Congregational Response

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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

Closing Voluntary

A Festive Trumpet Tune

Douglas Wagner

* 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**.*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Luke Baker, Tenor
Camilla Packroff, Soprano
Greg Elliott, Baritone
Caleb Esmond, Piano
Melinda Powell, Lay Reader
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Austin Carter, Crucifer
Henry Carter & Jack Carter, Candlelighters
Ella Magda, Communion Steward
Spencer & Megan Smith, Lay Communion Servers
Gini Lamback, Communion Bread Baker
Children's Church, Julia Magda

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. N. A. Powers and Mrs. Allene McCall by Doyle and Lullene Powers.*

Gluten-Free Communion

Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

Souper Bowl of Caring

At the end of worship today, youth will stand at the doors with soup pots to collect money for Macon Outreach. Through the concept of the Souper Bowl of Caring, youth throughout the U.S. today are collecting money for local projects and ministries to feed the hungry in their local communities.

Hymn Festival – “HOPE: A Vision for 2020”

Our congregation is co-hosting a hymn festival at 3 p.m. this afternoon. Led by Tom Granum, we hope others will join us at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 565 Wimbish Road, for a time of singing familiar and less-familiar hymns focusing on the theme of HOPE. As part of the Souper Bowl of Caring, you can make a donation to be used by Macon Outreach and Loaves & Fishes to feed the hungry in Macon. The combined choirs will provide leadership for the festival. Please join us.

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. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our nursery.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at 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 next Joining Sunday is February 16.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and iheartradio.com. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

Midweek at Mulberry: February 5

- 4:30 p.m. Mulberry Moments, Historical Room
- 4:30 p.m. Social Principles Book Study, Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Program: Kirby Moore; Attorney, former UGA QB,
and former chair of Macon Volunteer Clinic
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, Children's Choir Rooms
- 6:15 p.m. Family Connections
- 7:05 p.m. Methodism 101, Historical Room
- 7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Vibrant Ministry (for adults 55 and older) - February 20

Join us for a lunch trip to Social Circle to eat lunch at the Blue Willow Inn. Meet at Mulberry at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to Linda at lparker@mulberrymethodist.org.

Shrove Tuesday – February 25 – 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Join us for our celebration of Pancake Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 26 – 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary