

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2020
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Jeff Cook

Voluntary

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne Wold

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

Thanks be to God.

Waylon Miller

- * **Entrance Hymn No. 57** (Stanzas 1-5) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
Please remain standing following the hymn.

AZMON

* **Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Waylon Miller

* **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.**

**We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.**

**We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.**

**Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.**

**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Waylon Miller

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Waylon Miller

* **Congregational Response**

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.**

Waylon Miller

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Julia Norman

Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.

*After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room
and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

Prayer for Illumination

Christi James

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 112

Please sing the refrain when indicated.

Light rises in darkness when justice rules our lives.

The refrain is page 833 of the hymnal. The choir will chant the psalm.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

Christi James

* **Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon

Salt & Light

Rev. Jeff Cook

* **Hymn No. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Julia Norman

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

Offertory

True Light

Keith Hampton

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created. Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.

* **Doxology**

OLD 100TH

**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.**

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rev. Jeff Cook

* **Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . .

* **Benediction**

Rev. Jeff Cook

* **Congregational Response**

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

Closing Voluntary

This Little Light of Mine

Charles Callahan

* *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. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Rev. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Ainsworth Choir
Katie Trotter, Soprano
Waylon Miller, Liturgist
Christi James, Reader
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte
Henry McClure, Crucifer
Graham Hefner & Reynolds Hefner, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
Arthur and Madeline Delores Curran and Dr. Sage and Robbie Harper, by Jackie and Ken Harper.*

Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshiping 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 12

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: Valentine's Dinner and Music
6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, Children's Choir Rooms
6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:15 p.m. Family Connections
7:05 p.m. Methodism 101, Daughtery Classroom
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Other opportunities

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.

Farewell Reception for Matt and Carol Woodbery - February 23

immediately following the 11:00 a.m. services in the Fellowship Hall

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

Join us for our celebration of Pancake Tuesday. Mission Committee is sponsoring Flood Bucket packing for UMCOR.

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