

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Epiphany of the Lord
January 1, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Opening Voluntary

“Toccata in F Major”

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Christ is born; give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!
O you earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy,
for he has been glorified.

* Hymn No. 224

“Good Christian, Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

* Opening Prayer

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

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of your Son.
Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;
and so direct our steps that we may ever walk
in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where he dwelled,
who now and ever reigns in our hearts,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Let every heart prepare him room.
O come let us adore him.

Brief Silence

Let us pray.

O God,
the darkness of the world surrounds us and,
if we are honest,
we confess that the darkness of the world
resides within us.
At times, we prefer the darkness to the light.
Have mercy upon us
according to your steadfast love and infinite mercy.
Remind us that the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
Guide our feet in paths of righteousness
and teach us to walk in the light,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Brief Silence

The word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

O God,
come to us;
abide with us,
Emmanuel,
to save us;
to set us free. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Appalachian Carol

Proclamation and Response

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.*

* Hymn No. 237

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

FRENCH CAROL

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12 (KJV)

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Navigating Nu-Way(s)”

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Pastoral Prayer

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

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” Johann Pachelbel

* Hymn of Response

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 254

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Wilbur Held

* Benediction

Rev. Tommy Perkins

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Savannah Stone, Acolyte
Maddie McClure, Crucifer
Ben Jamison & Davis Uren, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Cohen & Dot James
by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

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Today's Sermon

“Navigating Nu-Way(s)”

Today's Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 (KJV)

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

² Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

³ When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

⁵ And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

⁶ And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

⁷ Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

⁹ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

¹¹ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

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please visit our website at www.mulberrymethodist.org
and click on “Listen” on top right.*

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.*