

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

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



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Opening Voluntary

“Toccatina 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”

Cam Bishop, Piano
Appalachian Carol

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

* 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.**

* 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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 254

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

* Benediction

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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and in appreciation of Clifton Carswell, Doris Andrews
and Jeffrey Smith by the Flower Guild.*

Welcome All Visitors

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

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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*

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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

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