

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 10, 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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Melinda Powell

Praise be to you, O Lord,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

Wealth and honor come from you;  
**you are the ruler of all things.**

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

**Now our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

EIN'FESTE BURG

\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;  
eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;  
eternal Power, be our support;  
eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
eternal Love, have mercy upon us,

that with all our heart and mind and strength  
we may seek your face  
and be brought by your infinite mercy  
to your holy presence  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Act of Praise

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Ainsworth Choir

Claude Bass

*Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.  
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them who seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them who find Thee all in all.  
Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.  
O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.  
(Text by Bernard of Clairvaux)*

# 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. 500

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

Old Testament Reading

Melinda Powell

1 Chronicles 28:9-10 (NLT)

New Testament Reading

Melinda Powell

Colossians 1:9-14 (NLT)

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

"What's Next?"

Hymn of Prayer No. 473 (*remain seated*)

"Lead Me, Lord"

LEAD ME, LORD

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;**

**make thy way plain before my face.**

**For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,**

**that makest me dwell in safety.**

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

Katie Trotter, Soprano

"If You Search With All Your Hearts"

Craig Courtney

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me*

*if you search with all your heart.*

*For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare,*

*not of evil, plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.*

*I will bring you home to me.*

*(Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14)*

\* 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. 567  
“Heralds of Christ”

NATIONAL HYMN

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G Major (BWV 577)

Johann S. Bach

\* 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*

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

*Melinda Powell, Lay Reader*

*Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte*

*Micah Johnston, Crucifer*

*Xavier Tarbox & Davis Uren, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our parents,  
George William Grier, Jr. and Sarah Coleman Hodges Grier  
and Brooks Gaudry and Mary Beth Gaudry  
by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.*

## **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**

"What's Next?"

**Today's Scriptures**

1 Chronicles 28:9-10 (NLT)

9 And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

10 So take this seriously. The LORD has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.

Colossians 1:9-14 (NLT)

9 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

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