

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Opening Voluntary

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” SPANISH HYMN

* Opening Prayer

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

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Glory and Honor"

Ainsworth Choir
J. S. Bach

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. 400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

* Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-31 (selected verses)

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

Sermon

"Midnight Hider"

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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
"Seek the Lord"

Chris Abbott, Tenor
John Carter

* Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

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

Closing Voluntary

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Alfred Fedak

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *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
Hampton Tiller, Crucifer
Austin Carter & Isabella Ewing, Candlelighters*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birth of Olivia, age 2,
in honor of the birth of Hannah, age 10,
and in honor of their mother, Jenny Mayfield
by Nash Mayfield.*

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Today's Sermon
"Midnight Hider"

Today's Scripture

Luke 15:11-23 (NLT) (selected verses)

11 ... Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons.

12 The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

13 "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.

15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

16 The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
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.*