

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 17, 2016  
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

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Richard Gress

Flor Peeters

Call to Worship

Ron Knight

O give thanks to God who is good;  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**We thank you, God, for your steadfast love,  
for your wonderful works to humankind;**

For you satisfy the thirsty,  
and fill the hungry with good things.

**Fill our hearts with wisdom  
that we may ponder the majesty  
of your loving deeds.**

\* Entrance Hymn No. 102

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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\* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of life, we rejoice in your love  
which has filled creation from the beginning  
and which calls all life into being.

We praise you for Jesus Christ  
who reveals most fully  
your loving purpose for all people.

We bless you for your Spirit  
who draws all humanity  
into the circle of your tender love.

Gracious God, bless us with your presence  
so that our worship and our lives  
may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church,  
apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri No. 71

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Ainsworth Choir

arr. Shaw

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Children's Moments

Julia Magda

*Children are invited to meet Julia on the chancel steps.  
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for  
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ron Knight

\* Hymn No. 138

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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\* Gospel Reading  
John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

Ron Knight

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon  
“First Sign: Best Wine”

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Betsy Swanson, Soprano

“When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” Wilbur Held

*When Christ’s appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heav’nly birth  
seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.  
The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.  
Within the Jordan’s sacred flood  
the heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood,  
that he, of whom no sin was known,  
might cleanse his people from their own.  
And oh, what miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne’er bestowed.  
For this his glad epiphany, all glory unto Jesus be;  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore.  
(Text by Coelius Sedulius, 5<sup>th</sup> century)*

\* 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. 384  
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Closing Voluntary Richard Gress  
Toccata in F Major (BuxWV 157) Buxtehude

\* Benediction

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
David Keith, Conductor  
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist  
Ainsworth Choir  
Ron Knight, Lay Reader  
Emma Johnston, Lead Acolyte  
Caroline Dunn, Crucifer  
Hampton Tiller, Candlelighter*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Olivia who just turned one,  
in honor of Hannah who just turned nine,  
and in honor of their mother Jenny by Nash Mayfield.*

## **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**

“First Sign: Best Wine”

**Today's Scriptures**

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Sermon Notes**

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