

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17, 2016
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

Richard Gress

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Flor Peeters

Call to Worship

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.**

* Hymn of Praise 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.**

Act of Praise

Betsy Swanson, Soprano

“When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known” W. 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, 5th century)

Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 62:1-5

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

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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.**

* Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

Rev. Creede Hinshaw

“First Sign: Best Wine”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

* Benediction

**Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and loving memory of George Collier and Theresa Lotito
by Anna Collier and Gail McNally.*

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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. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ 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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*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
please see an usher.*