

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress

“Trumpet Processional in G”

David Lasky

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Culpepper

Our worship is in the name of the Father,

the one eternal God in whom we live

and move and have our being,

and of the Son,

our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ,

through whom the love of God

is made manifest among us,

and of the Holy Spirit,

the Counselor by whom we become

the people of God and

the church of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn of Praise No. 559

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We believe, O Lord,

that you have not abandoned us

to the dim light of our own reason

to conduct us to happiness,

but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures

whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.

How noble and excellent are the precepts,

how sublime and enlightening the truth,

how persuasive and strong the motives,

how powerful the assistance of your holy religion.

Our delight shall be in your statutes,

and we will not forget your Word. **Amen.**

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect,
 reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
 the precepts of the Lord are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
 the fear of the Lord is clean,
 enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold,
 even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
 Also keep your servant from the insolent;
 let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Act of Praise

Krysta Therieau, Soprano

“Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”
 (Text UMH 411)

COTTAGE GROVE

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

* 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.**

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

John 5:24 (MSG)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

ReAlign: Focus

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 451

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

* Benediction

**Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Richard Gress, Assistant Organist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Flower Guild by a friend.*

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Today's Sermon

ReAlign: Focus

Today's Scriptures

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

John 5:24 (MSG)

²⁴“It's urgent that you listen carefully to this: Anyone here who believes what I am saying right now and aligns himself with the Father, who has in fact put me in charge, has at this very moment the real, lasting life and is no longer condemned to be an outsider. This person has taken a giant step from the world of the dead to the world of the living.

Sermon Notes

Previous Sermons Available Online

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,
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and click on “Listen” on top right.*

Welcome All Visitors

*We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.
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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

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