

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018
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

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

O Come, let us adore Him.
The Star in the dark heralded His coming.
Led by the light of the Star,
the Wise Ones came to pay homage.
We, too, come, seeking the King.
God’s light of love is shining upon us. **Amen!**

* Entrance Hymn No. 223

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” ERMUNTRE DICH

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Keeper of every moment in eternity:
we come, not only to hear those words
which can transform us,
but to be filled with your grace and hope.
We have come, not out of habit,
but to respond to your call,
willing to be called away from
the familiar ways of our lives.

Walker of our journeys,
in the midst of our harried lives,
you call us to lay aside all that entangles us,
to follow you into service to others.
You invite us to step into the waters of life and hope,
reaching out to draw others to our side so,
that together,
we might enter your kingdom of laughter and joy.

When uncertainty fills every block in our daily planners,
you come, Grace's Companion,
to offer that hope which anchors us in God's heart;
to place our feet firmly on that rock called peace;
to bring us safely to that haven
filled with God's steadfast love. **Amen.**
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New Testament Lesson
Philippians 1:3-6, 12-14, 21

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Let There Be Joy!:
"Joy No Matter What May Come!"

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Rev. Jeff Cook

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of our Gifts

* The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Jimmy Towson
Hymnal Page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jimmy Towson

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion Rev. Jeff Cook

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 89 HYMN TO JOY
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Guest Organist*

If You Are New to Mulberry

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register
as it is passed.*

Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to
participate in our worship, growth opportunities
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you
will find this church to be a warm,
caring community that you can call home.*

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Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

*To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services and more
we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org
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Joining Mulberry Street UMC

*New Members are welcomed into the congregation
during our Sunday morning worship services
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am.*

*You may transfer from another Methodist church,
transfer from another denomination or join for the first time by
Profession of Faith (committing your life to Christ).*

*For more information, please contact Karen Carter
at 478-745-8601 or kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org.*

Connect with us Online

*You can learn more about our church community,
staff and other events by visiting our website at
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Today's Sermon

Let There Be Joy!
"Joy No Matter What May Come!"

Today's Scripture

Philippians 1:3-6, 12-14, 21 (NIV)

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Sermon Notes

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