

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2020
Nine O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Voluntary *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

Greeting in the Name of Christ Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Call to Worship Harold Downs
God is my light and my salvation; of what shall we be afraid?
God is the refuge of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
We hide in the shelter of God's love; God provides for us.
Great is the beauty of God.
God's light awakens us and guides us in our journey of faith.
Come, let us worship God!

* **Entrance Hymn No. 66** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

Opening Prayer Harold Downs
God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination Harold Downs
God,
illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed
our eyes may see your kingdom,
our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Harold Downs

Psalm Psalm 27 Doris Granum & Tom Granum
Please sing the refrain with the choir:
**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.**

* **Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23 Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Closer than You Think* Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 344** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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 Tithes and 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.**

Sending Forth

* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Hymn No. 398** *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

* **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Harold Downs, Liturgist
Doris Granum, Reader*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents,
Olive and John Cowen, by their daughter, Angela Cowen Irvine and family.*

Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Please see an usher for assistance in locating our nursery.

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

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC and iheartradio.com. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.

Midweek at Mulberry: January 29

4:30 p.m. Mulberry Moments, Historical Room
4:30 p.m. Social Principles Book Study
5:30 p.m. Serving line opens, Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Program: The Methodist Home for Children and Youth Tags of Hope – Rev. Bob Moon
6:15 p.m. Children’s Choirs, Children’s Choir Rooms
6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:15 p.m. Family Connections
7:05 p.m. Methodism 101, Daughtery Classroom
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir, Choir Room

Wednesday class offerings

Social Principles Book Study – 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Rev. Julia Norman, leader, studying the principles that are a product of more than a century of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of the General Conference. Contact jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org to order the book (\$5).

Methodism 101 – 7:05-8:00 p.m. – Rev. Jeff Cook, leader, using *Come to the Table: What It Means to Be Methodist*. Register at jcook@mulberrymethodist.org. Through Feb. 19

Mulberry Moments – 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Carolyn Kennedy Dominy, leader, studying important and interesting moments in our congregation’s history. Register at cken@cox.net. Limited space. Through Feb. 12

Other opportunities

Women’s Bible Study – Sundays – 5:00 p.m. – Home of Molly Walker, 731-7175. Study of Hebrews

Book Fair – Sunday, February 2

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity for all Sunday school classes, small groups, and those interested in personal reading and devotion to come and see what materials are available through Cokesbury.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 2

Mulberry St. UMC will participate with the Souper Bowl of Caring two ways on February 2.

Sunday morning

Following each of the morning services, youth will be at the door to take your collection – suggesting one dollar or one item of food for people in need. Our morning collection will go to Macon Outreach.

Sunday afternoon, February 2, 3:00 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 565 Wimbish Road

Our congregation is co-hosting a hymn festival with Northminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Entitled *Hope: A Vision for 2020*, the festival will include a variety of familiar hymns and perhaps some hymns new to you – filled with the message of hope. Tom Granum will be the organist/pianist and director for the hymn festival. Our Ainsworth Choir will provide much of the leadership. Similar to our morning services, you will have the opportunity to make a donation following the festival. Afternoon proceeds will be divided between Macon Outreach and Loaves & Fishes, both of which serve the needs of the working poor and hungry in Macon.

What is Souper Bowl of Caring?

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.