

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

November 1, 2015
Nine O'clock



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Grace to you and peace from God,
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

Opening Voluntary

Richard Gress, Organ

Call to Worship

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
Death has no dominion over them.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

* Hymn No. 702

“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Culpepper

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

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace
so to follow your holy saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,
which you have prepared for those
who sincerely love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Naming of the Saints

Rev. Jimmy Towson

*Let us remember those from this congregation
who now share the triumph of Christ.*

Jean Etheridge Chafin
November 21, 2014

George Erwin Jones, Jr.
April 16, 2015

Charles Jackson Castellaw
December 11, 2014

Frances Smith Kite
April 21, 2015

Joyce Paul
January 3, 2015

Bena Ballard Williamson
May 9, 2015

William H. Hurdle, Sr.
January 24, 2015

Pinkney "Pink" Persons, Jr.
May 25, 2015

James F. "Jim" Lawton
February 13, 2015

Margaret J. Tucker
June 18, 2015

Walter Warren Cox
February 18, 2015

Maitland McCord Hudson
August 5, 2015

Alton "Al" D. Greenway, Sr.
March 13, 2015

Lillian Kelly Mahone
September 11, 2015

C. W. "Handy" Hancock
March 13, 2015

Marie Doss Harris
September 22, 2015

Wendell Wright Barnes
March 15, 2015

Christen Elizabeth "Betsy" Lewis
September 27, 2015

Mary Jane League
April 15, 2015

Frank Edwards
October 6, 2015

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Let us pray.

We bless your holy name, O God,
for all your servants who,
having finished their course,
now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
to your honor and glory;
through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

Response: The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Jimmy Towson

"No Flashlights!"

Invitation to the Table

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

**We confess our inclination, O God,
to sense that we are alone in the faith.
We neglect the history of those
who have gone before us;
we take for granted their perseverance;
we have lost touch with the wisdom
that would lead us to life.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
Call to mind our mothers and fathers in the faith,
who ran the race before us,
and let us draw strength from their examples.**

Silence

God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of love and power and self-discipline.
Let us remember the goodness of God
in the lives of the saints,
and let us draw strength
from the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.
Thanks be to God!

The Peace

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

Offering of our Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13
(Communion responses are spoken.)

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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

* Closing Hymn No. 715

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

DARWALL’S 148th

* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

* *Please stand as you are able.*



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

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*We are glad you have joined us this morning and hope
that through word, music, fellowship and prayer,
you will experience the presence of God today.*

*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.

Gospel Reading for the Week

Mark 13:27-37

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

“No Flashlights!”

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Sermon Notes

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