

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017
Nine O'clock



Greeting in the Name of Christ Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

“Petite Pièce, W. 313”

Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

We are witnesses.

We have sworn to teach God’s promises
to all generations.

We are witnesses.

The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

We are witnesses.

Let us tell the world of God’s faithful love.

We will worship and witness together!

* Hymn of Praise No. 116

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We gather here to remember God’s glorious deeds –
recorded for all time

by people whose lives were touched by divine grace.

As people of hope,

they affirmed the great works of God,
and the importance of keeping
the commandments of God.

We are heirs of their faithfulness
in witnessing to the greatness
of God’s wondrous acts.

Let our witness be as convincing,

so that generations to come

will continue to honour God’s holy name. **Amen.**

(Moira Laidlaw)

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise
"Here I Am, Lord"

Adele Bauman, Mezzo-Soprano
Daniel L. Schutte
arr. Craig Courtney

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson
1 Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15

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

Sermon Rev. Jimmy Towson
What's the Good News?: "Choices"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 400
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist

*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband
Emory Greene and her brother Tommy McDonald
by Hannah McDonald Greene.*

If You Are New

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

Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you for worshiping 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.

Nursery Care is provided for children under 4 years of age.
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 and find us on Facebook.

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 www.mulberrymethodist.org.

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Today's Sermon

What's the Good News?: "Choices"

Today's Scripture

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15

¹Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.² Joshua said to the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods.³ But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.

¹⁴ "So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone.¹⁵ But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

Sermon Notes

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