

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2015
Eleven O'clock*



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering and Greeting Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

Opening Voluntary Cam Bishop

“I Will Bow Down

Towards Your Holy Temple”

Margaret Sandresky

Call to Worship Johnny Hathcock

It is good to praise the Lord

and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning

and your faithfulness at night.

* Entrance Hymn No. 66

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

* Opening Prayer Johnny Hathcock

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God,

you are always more ready
to give your good gifts to us
than we are to seek them,
and you are willing to give
more than we desire or deserve.

Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy
may be opened to us
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Act of Praise Ainsworth Choir

“Now Let us All Praise God and Sing”

Gordon Young

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Anna Jane Stephens
Daughter of Joe and Christina Stephens

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and include this family now before you
in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Anna Jane
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
We commend Anna Jane to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Baptism No. 611

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moments

Pam Johnston

*Children are invited to meet Pam on the chancel steps.
K-4 and K-5 children will leave for
Children's Church after Children's Moments.*

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invest and Invite: "Invite" Luke 15:11-32 (selected verses)

* Hymn of Response

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love –
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, every loves us, changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
dies to call them all his own;
how for them he's interceding,
watching o'er them from the throne!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!
*Words by Samuel Trevor Francis***

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tommy Perkins

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
"Coming Home"

Peter Schultz, Tenor
Joseph Martin

* 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.**

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Discipleship

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

AZMON

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.**

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The Light of Christ Goes Into the World

Closing Voluntary
“Voluntary”

Richard Gress
Mee Pattison

*Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Richard Gress/Assistant Organist

Ainsworth Choir

David Keith, Conductor

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Johnny Hathcock, Lay Reader

Savannah Stone, Lead Acolyte

John Morgan Manley, Crucifer

Akins Manley & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and in honor of the church staff

by Wesley, Clare, Alice and Martha Rauls.

Welcome All Visitors

We welcome you to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

*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.

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

Invest and Invite: "Invite"

Today's Scripture

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

The Parable of the Lost Son

- 11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.
- 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.
- 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.
- 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.
- 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.
- 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.
- 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!
- 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
- 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'
- 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
- 21 "The son said to him, '*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.*'
- 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
- 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.
- 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.
- 25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.
- 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'
- 28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.
- 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.
- 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'
- 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me and everything I have is yours.
- 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Sermon Notes

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and click on "Listen" on top right.*