

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2017
Eleven O'clock*



Entrance and Praise

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Chorale Prelude on

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Alec Rowley

Call to Worship

Henry McClure

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts

to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities
for service that they represent.

**We praise God for all the ways in which our lives
have been blessed.**

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

* Entrance Hymn No. 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

* Opening Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it.

You blessed each element of creation with your love.

You called us from slavery into witness and service.

Be with us this day as we gather to worship.

Clear our minds of all the distractions

which would draw us away from you.

Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing
and empowering love flow in.

Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love
as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us
in your service.

For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

“Lead Me, Lord”

Ainsworth Choir

Garth Edmundson

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

McKenna Joy Smith
Daughter of Ken and Amanda Smith

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 McKenna 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 McKenna
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 (*congregation stands*)

Members of the household of God,
We commend McKenna 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 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 and Response

Children’s Moments

Rev. Jeff Cook

Children are invited to meet Jeff on the chancel steps.

K-4 and K-5 children will leave for

Children’s Church after Children’s Moments.

Old Testament Lesson

Henry McClure

Psalm 90 (selected verses)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

What’s the Good News?: “You’ve Got Time”

Responding to the Word

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 Gifts
"There is a Time"

Katie Trotter, Soprano
Craig Courtney

* 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. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship
"I'll Fly Away"

I'LL FLY AWAY

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.**

**Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.**

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The Light of Christ Goes Into the World
Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.

“Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

* *Please stand as you are able.*



Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Henry McClure, Lay Reader
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Micah Johnston, Crucifer
Maddie McClure, Baptism Aquifer
Olivia Mann & Edie Sharpton, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their son
Joseph Thomas Jones
by Colonel and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones.*

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 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.*

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Today's Sermon

What's the Good News?: "You've Got Time"

Today's Scripture

Psalm 90 (Selected verses) NLT

1 Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!

2 Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals!"

4 For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours. ...

10 Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away. ...

12 Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. ...

14 Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

15 Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery! Replace the evil years with good.

16 Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory.

17 And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful.

Sermon Notes

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