

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 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.

“Edinburgh Fanfare”

Francis Jackson

Call to Worship

Micah Johnston

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Worship God with gladness.
Come into God’s presence with singing.
We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.
Give thanks to the Lord; bless God’s holy name,
**for God’s steadfast love is present
now and endures forever.**

* Entrance Hymn No. 181
“Ye Servants of God”

HANOVER

* Opening Prayer

Pam Johnston

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

Tender, comforting Shepherd,
 you steadfast love is present in this place
 and resides within each of us.
But sometimes it is hard, so very hard,
 to open ourselves to your love.
We feel like scattered sheep,
 frightened and alone.
Help us know your loving presence
 as we live as your gathered community.
Enlighten our hearts,
 that we may know the hope
 to which we have been called. **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
"Psalm 100"

Ainsworth Choir
Hal H. Hopson

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Gabriel Bruce Respass
Son of Joel and Amanda Respass

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 Gabriel 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 Gabriel
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him that he 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 Gabriel to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him 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”

STUTT GART

**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

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Micah Johnston

Ezekiel 34:11-16b

Psalm 100

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

What’s the Good News?: “Unrelenting Pursuit”

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer Pam Johnston

The Lord's Prayer Pam Johnston

**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

* 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 Pam Johnston

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 715
"Rejoice, the Lord is King" DARWALL'S 148th

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

Voluntary on "DARWALL" T. Frederick H. Candlyn

* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook

* *Please stand as you are able.*


Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Pat Crowe, Organist
Richard Kosowski, Director of Music
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Micah Johnston, Lay Reader
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte
Austin Carter, Crucifer
_____, Baptism Aquifer
Rho Bridges & Ella Magda, Candlelighters

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of John S. Warchak, Stan Warchak
and Charlie and Bertha Yancey by Aliene Warchak.*

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?: "Unrelenting Pursuit"

Today's Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-16b

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep. ¹² I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. ¹³ I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. ¹⁴ Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

Psalm 100

- ¹ Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.
- ³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God!
He made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Sermon Notes

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