

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

First Sunday of Advent

*November 27, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Greeting

Rev. Bill Culpepper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

As we enter this season of Advent,
may the love of God the Father,
and the grace of Jesus Christ the Son,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be and abide with us all.

Amen!

Opening Voluntary

Call to Worship

Stir up our hearts, O God,
to prepare ourselves to receive your Son.
Grant that when he comes and knocks
he will not find us sleeping in sin,
but awake to righteousness,
endlessly rejoicing in his love.

**So purify our hearts and minds
that we may be ready to receive
his promise of life eternal. Amen.**

* Hymn of Expectation No. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Lighting the First Advent Candle of Hope
Scott and Kay Wangen

We light the first Advent candle as a sign of our hope
that God’s Messiah is coming.
May we stay alert for his coming
that we may hear with all creation
the redemption song of our God.

Let us pray.

God of salvation,
break into our world with your great power and glory.
Break the chains that bind us to sin.
Shatter the systems of our world
that promote injustice and oppression. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Chris Abbott, Tenor
Spiritual

Old Testament Prophecy
Isaiah 2:1-5

Prayer

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.**

Offering of our Gifts

* Hymn Response

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!**

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:11-14 (CEB)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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‘Twas the LIGHT Before Christmas:
“Morning Light”

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* Hymn No. 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

* Benediction

Rev. Bill Culpepper

* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Simmons by their Family.*

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Today's Sermon

'Twas the LIGHT Before Christmas:
"Morning Light"

Today's Scripture

Romans 13:11-14 (CEB)

¹¹ As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. ¹² The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³ Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. ¹⁴ Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

Sermon Notes

Advent is not the story of _____.

Advent is the story of _____.

2 kinds of waiting:

1. _____ waiting (passive)
2. _____ waiting (active)

Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means _____.

This Advent season, ask yourself two questions:

1. _____ are you waiting?
2. _____ are you looking?

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Up & Coming Events & Prayer List

*If you would like to have a copy of
Mulberry's Up & Coming Events and Prayer List,
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