

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *First Sunday of Advent*

*November 29, 2015  
Nine O'clock  
Music by Fifth Sunday*



## **ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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!**

Lighting the First Advent Candle of Hope  
Tim and Melissa Anderson

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.**

Call to Worship

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (UMH No. 204)

\* Opening Hymn

“The True Light that Enlightens Man”

**The true light that enlightens man, Alleluia,  
Came to earth from God’s right hand, Alleluia;  
*Refrain:* Glory be to thee, O Lord, Alleluia  
Praise to thee, O Son of God, Alleluia.**

**And to all who believe in him, Alleluia,  
Freedom gave from bonds of sin, Alleluia.  
*Refrain:* Glory be to thee, O Lord, Alleluia  
Praise to thee, O Son of God, Alleluia.**

**Word made flesh has dwelt with man, Alleluia,  
We shall live with him again, Alleluia,  
*Refrain:* Glory be to thee, O Lord, Alleluia  
Praise to thee, O Son of God, Alleluia.**

**For the law through Moses came, Alleluia,  
Grace and truth in Jesus’ name, Alleluia.  
*Refrain:* Glory be to thee, O Lord, Alleluia  
Praise to thee, O Son of God, Alleluia.**

Act of Praise

“Toda La Tierra” (UMH No. 210)

Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

\* Doxology

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**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 Prophecy  
Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV)

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Unwrapping Christmas: “What’s Missing?”

\* Hymn No. 251

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Spiritual

\* Benediction

Rev. Jimmy Towson

\* *Please stand as you are able.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*

*Fifth Sunday*

*Johnny Hathcock*

*Barbara Henley*

*Sam Lamback*

*Sean MacCarthy*

*Jerry Stinchcomb*

## **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**

Unwrapping Christmas: "What's Missing?"

**Today's Scripture**

Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

**Sermon Notes**

***Previous Sermons Available Online***

*If you are interested in listening to previous sermons,  
please visit our website at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)  
and click on "Listen" on top right.*

***The Joy of Christmas  
Celebrate the Season at Mulberry***

**Sunday, December 6**

***Plum Pudding Festival***

*Children's Choir Music*

*5:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

**Sunday, December 13**

***"A Festival of Carols and Readings"***

***Ainsworth Choir Christmas Music with Brass & Strings***

*(Joint worship service at 11:00 am only)*

*Sanctuary*

***Family Caroling***

*4:00 pm*

**Wednesday, December 16**

***Macon Outreach Community Christmas Celebration***

*11:00 am Fellowship Hall*

**Sunday, December 21**

***Service of the Longest Night***

*5:00 pm Sanctuary*

*The death of friends, family, or the stresses of life can be discouraging during the Christmas season.*

*This service offers prayers, music and Holy Communion.*

*And it is offered to all, especially those who may be struggling this season.*

**Thursday, December 24**

***Christmas Eve Services/Sanctuary***

*3:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Communion Service*

*4:30 pm Music of the Season*

*5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service*