

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

# *The Church at Worship*

*November 6, 2016  
Eleven O'clock*



## *Entrance and Praise*

### Gathering and Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God,  
who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

### Opening Voluntary

“All Saints’ Day: Psalm 149”

Emma Lou Diemer

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song  
in the assembly of the faithful.*

### Procession of the All Saints Banner

*Please stand as the banner passes your pew.*

### \* Entrance Hymn No. 711

“For All the Saints”

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### \* Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship,  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord.  
Grant us grace  
so to follow your holy saints  
in all virtuous and godly living,  
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,  
which you have prepared for those  
who sincerely love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Lux Aeterna” (Requiem)

Katie Trotter, Soprano

Ainsworth Choir

John Rutter

*I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,  
for they rest from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.  
Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray:  
with saints and angels ever dwelling,  
for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.  
Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:  
and light perpetual shine on them for ever.*



*Children age 6 and under are invited to leave for  
children's church at this time.*

## *Remembrance of the Saints*

A Jewish Prayer

Mary Hurt

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,  
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.

Naming of the Saints

Rev. Jimmy Towson

*Let us remember those from this congregation  
who now share the triumph of Christ.*

**Marie F. Williams**  
November 17, 2015

**Anna Collier**  
March 24, 2016

**Hazel Couch**  
November 27, 2015

**Nina Yeomans**  
April 12, 2016

**Cindy Bateman**  
December 5, 2015

**Margaret Long**  
May 5, 2016

**Charles W. "Buck" Shepard**  
December 25, 2015

**Brooks Peterson**  
May 25, 2016

**William Daniel Day, Jr.**  
February 15, 2016

**Sylvia Dorsey**  
June 14, 2016

**William E. "Bill" Roberts**  
February 18, 2016

**Ernest L. Penley**  
August 17, 2016

**Joseph C. League**  
February 22, 2016

**James R. Huffman**  
August 29, 2016

**Janet Collins**  
March 17, 2016

**Troy Thomason**  
October 5, 2016

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Let us pray.

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who,  
having finished their course, now rest from their labors.  
Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,  
to your honor and glory;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Response

Choir and Congregation

"May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise" Steven R. Janco  
*The congregation is invited to sing as directed.*

May the an - gels lead you in - to  
par - a - dise; May the mar - tyrs come to  
wel - come you and take - you to the ho - ly  
cit - y, the new and e - ter - nal Je - ru - sa - lem.

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## *Proclamation and Response*

New Testament Lesson  
Ephesians 1:11-19a (NLT)

Mickey Pope

Response: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Homily  
“A Rich Inheritance”

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**We confess our inclination, O God,  
to sense that we are alone in the faith.  
We neglect the history of those who have gone before us;  
we take for granted their perseverance;  
we have lost touch with the wisdom  
that would lead us to life.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.  
Call to mind our mothers and fathers in the faith,  
who ran the race before us,  
and let us draw strength from their examples.**

*Silence*

God has not given us a spirit of fear,  
but of love and power and self-discipline.  
Let us remember the goodness of God  
in the lives of the saints,  
and let us draw strength  
from the cloud of witnesses that surround us.  
**Thanks be to God!**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts  
“Deep River”

Taylor Russell, Mezzo-Soprano  
arr. Burleigh

## *Thanksgiving and Communion*

\* The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Page 13  
(*Communion responses are spoken.*)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction.  
The altar is open for prayer.  
Please let an usher know if you need to be served in your pew.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others.  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Sending Forth*

\* Closing Hymn No. 702 HYMN TO JOY  
"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

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

Closing Voluntary David Cherwien  
"O Day Full of Grace"

*When we on that final journey go  
that Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
all joy of the heavens sharing.  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
with angels his name adoring.*

\* Benediction Rev. Jimmy Towson

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

Gluten-free Communion Wafers  
Gluten-free communion wafers are available  
on the chancel steps pulpit side.



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor*  
*Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries*  
*Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*David Keith, Ainsworth Choir Director*  
*Mickey Pope, Lay Reader*  
*Carol Head, Bread Baker*  
*Jason & Allison Hawkins & Kelly Stone, Lay Communion Servers*  
*Maddie McClure, Lead Acolyte*  
*Micah Johnston, Crucifer*  
*Alex Stone, Banner Bearer*  
*Savannah Stone, Communion Steward*  
*Austin Carter & Isabella Ewing, Candlelighters*

*The floral arrangement is given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of those who are so reverently honored today.*

### *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*  
“A Rich Inheritance”

*Today's Scripture*  
Ephesians 1:11-19a (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

<sup>12</sup> God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. <sup>13</sup> And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. <sup>14</sup> The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

<sup>15</sup> Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, <sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

<sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.

*Sermon Notes*

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