

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*November 6, 2016
Nine O'clock*



Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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.*

Call to Worship

Rev. Tommy Perkins

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
Death has no dominion over them.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

* Hymn No. 702

“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

HYMN TO JOY

* Opening Prayer

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.**

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.**

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

Rev. Tommy Perkins

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 surrounds us.
Thanks be to God!

The Peace

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

Offering of our Gifts

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

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Closing Hymn No. 724

“O Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

PROMISED LAND

* 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.*



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist*

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Today's Sermon

“A Rich Inheritance”

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 1:11-19a (NLT)

¹¹ 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.

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power

Sermon Notes

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