

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

# *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 11, 2018  
Nine O'clock*



*As you enter this holy space and begin to make the transition from  
“getting here” to “being here,” you are encouraged to use these moments  
to become aware of the quiet places within so that you are ready to worship God.  
Please silence your cell phones.  
Come, let us worship God.*

Voluntary

“My Hope Is Built”

Raymond Haan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Adele Bauman

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Come, let us worship the God of the ages!

\* Hymn No. 698

“God of the Ages”

NATIONAL HYMN

\* Opening Prayer

Luke Baker

**We praise and worship you, O God,  
because you are with your people;  
powerfully and miraculously you defend  
your church and your Word  
against all fanatic spirits,  
against the gates of hell,  
and against the assault of flesh and sin.  
All glory and praise to you, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.**

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn No. 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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 Tithes and Gifts

“Draw Me Nearer”

arr. Ovid Young

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
and it told Thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
and be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where Thou has died;  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
by the pow’r of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in Thine.*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with Thee.*

\* 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.**

Epistle Reading  
Hebrews 9:24-28

Rush Peace

\* Gospel Lesson  
Mark 12:38-44

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon  
“Rock Solid Conviction”

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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.**

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 368  
“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

\* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*



*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Adele Bauman, Mezzo-Soprano  
Luke Baker, Tenor  
Rush Peace, Lay Reader*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of her husband, Emory Greene,  
and her brother, Tommy McDonald,  
by Hannah McDonald Greene.*



## *Welcome to Mulberry*

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed.

Nursery Care is provided for children younger than age 4. 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](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org) and find us on Facebook.

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.

## Today's Scripture

Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

## John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

(Reprinted from the South Georgia Advocate,  
<https://www.sgaumc.org/advocate.>)

After John Wesley made his first trip to St. Simons Island in April 1736 he began to investigate what was going on among the colonists. He spent a full week asking questions and studying the situation. He concluded that two of the women had conspired against his brother in order to have him removed. They had lied to Charles and to Oglethorpe and caused friction between the two men.

John got the two men together and helped them reconcile. John then returned to Savannah, but he was not there long before Charles appeared. Charles was the Secretary of Indian Affairs and Oglethorpe’s personal secretary. He said, “I have come to Savannah to license some additional traders with the Indians and then I must go to London with messages from Oglethorpe to the Trustees of Georgia. And, thank God, I’ll be gone from this unhappy place!”

He told Oglethorpe he did not want to return. Oglethorpe first tried to talk him into staying, but then said, “No, you are right, Charles. You are not cut out for this frontier living. You are a city boy. Go back home, get married, and settle down. But don’t tell the Trustees you are not coming back. If they know you are not returning they will send a replacement. And they might send a Presbyterian!”

The next day John began his second trip to St. Simons Island to take Charles’ place. He came to do pastoral work among the colonists on the island.

## *Advent Study*

You are invited to an Advent Study Series  
**Wednesdays, November 28, December 5, 12 & 19**  
at Noon in the Parlor.

We invite you to bring your own lunch and grow with us!  
We will use the resource *A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art*. This DVD-based study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom and more.  
Please R.S.V.P. to Rev. Jeff Cook at [jcook@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:jcook@mulberrymethodist.org) or call 745-8601. The cost for the study is \$5.00, which includes your discussion guide.

## *Bible Study Options*

### **Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study**

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)  
All women are welcome.  
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or [mollywalker@cox.net](mailto:mollywalker@cox.net).

### **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road  
Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813)  
or [clarerauls@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarerauls@bellsouth.net).

## *Small Groups*

### **Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group**

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

### **Monday Evening Small Group**

5:30-7:00 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)  
Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

### **Tuesday Evening Small Group**

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback  
(821 Wesleyan Drive)  
Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or  
[lambacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:lambacks@bellsouth.net).