

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Charles Callahan

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

*Please sign the Attendance Pad as it is passed, and then return it to the center aisle,
noting the names of those who are seated on your pew.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Harold Downs

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endues forever.

God provides every blessing in abundance.

Thanks be to God for the gift of grace.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn No. 102

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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* Opening Prayer

Harold Downs

Great God of our lives,

for all that is gracious in our lives,

revealing the image of Christ,

we give you thanks.

For our daily food and drink

our homes and families, and our friends,

we give you thanks.

For minds to think and hearts to love and hands to serve,

we give you thanks.

For health and strength to work,

and leisure to rest and play,

we give you thanks.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

we give you thanks.

For the great mercies and promises

given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

to you, O God, be praise and glory. **Amen.**

from A Worship Sourcebook

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

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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

Harold Downs

Hebrews 10:11-25

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Jeff Cook

Mark 13:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Cook

“Words of Hope”

Solo

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”

African American Spiritual
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jeff Cook

The Apostles’ Creed

**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. 512
"Stand by Me" STAND BY ME

* 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
Krysta Therieau, Soprano
Harold Downs, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
in appreciation for the volunteers who so ably created
the historical program for Mulberry's 2018-2019 Confirmands
Sunday night, November 4th.*

Today's Scripture

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' ^[a] and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.



Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshiping 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 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>.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

General Conference of The United Methodist Church met recently for 10 days in Portland, Ore. Someone asked me what I thought John Wesley would say about the Conference. I know exactly what John Wesley said about another Conference held in 1764.

He wrote in his journal:

“I spent some hours at the General Assembly, composed of about a hundred and fifty ministers. I was surprised to find, one, that anyone was admitted, even lads 12 or 14 years old; two, that the chief speakers were lawyers, six or seven on one side only; three, that a single question took up the whole time, which when I went away, seemed to be as far from a conclusion as ever, namely, ‘Shall Mr. Lindsay be removed to Kilmarnock parish or not?’ The argument for it was, ‘He has a large family, and this living is twice as good as his own.’ The argument against it was, ‘The people are resolved not to hear him, and will leave the kirk if he comes.’ If then the real point in view had been, as their law directs, majus bonum Ecclesiae (The greater benefit of the Church), instead of taking up five hours, the debate might have been determined in five minutes.”

Celebrating Advent and Christmas at Mulberry

Advent Study

A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art

Sundays – November 25 and December 2, 9, 16 & 23

10:00 a.m. – Becomers Class (3rd Floor)

Led by Rev. Creede Hinshaw

Wednesdays – November 28 and December 5, 12 & 19

12:00 Noon – Parlor

Led by Rev. Jeff Cook

Wednesday, November 28

Hanging of the Greens

5:30 p.m. Dinner – Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Service – Sanctuary

Light refreshments follow in Parlor

Sunday, December 9

Antonio Vivaldi: *Gloria* (choir, orchestra & soloists)

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 23

Children's Nativity

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 23

A Carol Festival: "The Dawn of Redeeming Grace"

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of "Silent Night"

3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Tom Granum, organ

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services – Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service
especially mindful of children

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Prelude

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 30

Combined Worship Service

11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

This will be the only worship service.