

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia

## *The Church at Worship*

*Reign of Christ  
November 24, 2019  
Eleven 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.*



### *Entrance and Praise*

**Greeting in the Name of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**Mulberry Moment**

*Being Followers of Jesus*

Jennifer Borage

**Voluntary**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Charles Callahan

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 9:1-2

Waylon Miller

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices!

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices!**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices!**

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices!**

**Choral Introduction**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Michael Rosewall

*Please remain seated for the extended choral introduction.*

*Please rise in body or spirit when indicated.*

\* **Entrance Hymn No. 102**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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*Please remain standing for the Prayer and Response.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

Waylon Miller

Eternal God, righteous Judge,  
rule this world with truth and grace.

**Inspire your people to such joyful praise  
that every nation will proclaim your glory  
and every knee will bow before your Son,  
who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*from Psalms for All Seasons (Psalm 9)*

**\* Congregational Response**

*Creator, Savior and Sustainer:  
A Song of Praise and Thanksgiving*

MATERNA

This hymn has been written by an anonymous hymn-poet (CWP) within our congregation.

**Creator of the universe, Thy wonders to proclaim;  
We worship Thee in song and verse, and praise Thy holy name.  
Almighty God, most gracious God, we humbly bow in prayer;  
Come take control of every soul, and keep us in Your care.**

**O Jesus for Your tender care, our thanks to You we give,  
Who loved us more than we can bear; and died that we might live;  
O Son of God, O Lord of Love, forgive us when we stray.  
Help us to see our need for Thee, and seek Thy holy way.**

**O Holy Spirit, Comforter, descend on us we pray,  
Be Thou our Guide and counselor, our Strength from day to day.  
O God the Father, God the Son, O God the Three in One,  
Help us to pray until the day, Thy will and ours are one.**

**We thank you, God, for loving us, unworthy though are we,  
May we reflect your love and trust, and live more faithfully.  
Almighty God, most Holy God, Thy steadfast love is sure.  
Through joy and pain, may we maintain a faith that's strong and pure.**

*Proclamation and Response*

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Children are invited to meet on the chancel steps.*

*After the Children's Moment, K-4 and K-5 children are invited to Children's Church in the prayer room and then will be escorted to the nursery. Please ask an usher for directions to retrieve your children after worship.*

**Congregational Call to Prayer**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Christi James

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we will hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**\* Gospel**

Luke 23:33-43

Christi James

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

**Epistle**

Colossians 1:11-20

Rev. Trevor Ward

**Sermon**

*BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS  
12. Followers Follow Christ Jesus*

Rev. Trevor Ward

**\* Hymn No. 327**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

**\* Affirmation of Faith No. 888**

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Trevor Ward

\* **Doxology**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Sending Forth*

\* **Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rev. Trevor Ward

\* **Hymn No. 694**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\* **Benediction**

Rev. Trevor Ward

\* **Congregational Response**

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Please feel free to remain seated for the closing voluntary. If departing, please be sensitive to those remaining.*

**Closing Voluntary**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\* *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. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Trevor Ward, Minister for Families & Youth  
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist  
Celebration and Ainsworth Choirs  
Luke Baker, Conductor for combined choirs  
Caleb Esmond, Piano  
Waylon Miller, Liturgist  
Christi James, Reader  
Matt Newberry, Lead Acolyte  
Wilson Brown, Crucifer  
Evan Bogle & Stebin Horne, Candlelighters  
Melinda Powell, Children's Church*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Estelle Stevens Macon, mother, and Dr. R. Homes Mason, father of Emily Estelle Mason Clisby.*

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel

## *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. The church newsletter is sent out electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter, please share your email address on the Attendance Register as it is passed. You may also include other changes or additions for contact information.

Children's church is open to children in Kindergarten and under after the Children's Moment each week. Please see our nursery staff or volunteer on the front row to check your child in and receive your Nursery pickup tag. Nursery is available for the entire service for children below Prekindergarten. Please see an usher for assistance in locating our 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 a.m. worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/worship/worship-online>.



### **Hanging of the Greens**

Wednesday, December 4

Supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Service at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Please bring your favorite dessert to share after the service.

### **Christmas Camp**

Friday, December 6 – 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall  
Dinner and Christmas crafts included - \$10 per child or \$20 per family  
RSVP to Julia Norman at [jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org) by December 4.

### **Special Music**

Sunday, December 8 – 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Advent Masterworks for Choir & Orchestra

### **Sunday, December 15**

#### **Family Caroling – 4:00 p.m.**

We'll meet at Springdale Elementary School parking lot, caravan together to carol to our elderly and homebound members, and then gather for dinner at Ingleside Village Pizza.

### **Sunday, December 22**

#### **Children's Nativity**

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, December 24**

#### **Christmas Eve Services – Sanctuary**

3:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service (*especially mindful of children*)  
5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service (with 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Prelude)

### **Sunday, December 29**

#### **One Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship for All – Sweet Rolls & Coffee – Fellowship Hall