

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Reign of Christ
November 24, 2019
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.*



Entrance and Praise

- Voluntary** *Now Thank We All Our God* Charles Callahan
- Greeting in the Name of Christ** Rev. Jeff Cook
- Mulberry Moment** *Being Followers of Jesus* Jennifer Borage
- Call to Worship** Psalm 9:1-2 Luke Baker and Camilla Packroff
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* NUN DANKET
Please remain standing for the Prayer and Response.
- * **Opening Prayer** Camilla Packroff
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

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Luke Baker

**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

Luke Baker

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

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

* **Doxology**

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Please note we are using the Doxology from Hymn No. 94.

**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

* *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
Rev. Trevor Ward, Minister for Families & Youth
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Luke Baker and Camilla Packroff, Liturgists*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tim's mother,
Lucy Chapman, by Tim & Melissa Anderson.*

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 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>.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel

WHAT CAN'T WAIT



Celebrating Advent and Christmas at Mulberry
Theme: What Can't Wait?

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

Join your Mulberry family in this beautiful service of prayer, scripture and music as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming. Please bring your favorite dessert to share after the service in the Parlor.

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 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.

Wear your festive Christmas outfits and come caroling to spread some Christmas cheer to our elderly and homebound members! We'll meet at Springdale Elementary school parking lot, caravan together to carol and then gather for "Dutch treat" 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*)

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Prelude

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

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

11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary