

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia*

## *The Church at Worship*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 4, 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  
"Elegy"

G. T. Thalben-Ball

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

Death is swallowed up forever – let us wipe away our tears.

**We remember with thanksgiving all those  
who are dear to us.**

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**We remember with appreciation those who paved  
the way with their faith.**

Teachers, leaders, grandmothers and grandfathers,  
parents and friends.

**We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people.**

The gifts of many people make us who we are.

**We remember with love and honor  
the people who blessed us with their lives.**

God brings a new heaven and a new earth –

let us live with great hope.

**We look to the future in peace,  
even as we remember the past.**

*from Call to Worship*

\* Hymn No. 384 (Stanzas 1-3)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

Opening Prayer

Loving God,  
we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day.

**We celebrate the saints who have served you  
and have been an example for us  
throughout the past.**

We give you thanks for the joy of being a part  
of the communion of saints  
with those who have gone before  
and those scattered around the globe.

**Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints  
you have called us to be.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

Naming of the Saints

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*Let us remember those from this congregation  
who now share the triumph of Christ.*

**Emily Parker**  
*November 2, 2017*

**Tom Wagoner**  
*April 25, 2018*

**Charles R. White**  
*December 18, 2017*

**Joseph H. Jones**  
*April 26, 2018*

**Cater Snow Clay**  
*December 27, 2017*

**Rita Minter**  
*May 17, 2018*

**Zenna Crawford**  
*February 28, 2018*

**Richard “Rick” White, Jr.**  
*July 6, 2018*

**Lolita Rutland**  
*March 2, 2018*

**Nadine Simpson**  
*August 5, 2018*

**Carlton Hunnicutt**  
*March 3, 2018*

**Robert E. “Bob” Fountain**  
*August 8, 2018*

**Mary Lovett**  
*March 15, 2018*

**Ben Brannen**  
*August 31, 2018*

**T. Baldwin Martin, Jr.**  
*April 24, 2018*

**Eugene “Buzz” Walton**  
*October 21, 2018*

**Barbara Every**  
*April 25, 2018*

**Gostin Freeney**  
*October 30, 2018*

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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.**

Congregational Response

**Finish then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Jeff Cook

Pour out your Spirit on us again,  
as your Word is proclaimed,  
that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling,  
ardently desire the communion of Christ's body  
and blood,  
and serve the poor of your people  
and all who need your love,  
**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Jeff Cook

Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Homily

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

"A Vision of New"

Solo

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowry

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

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving  
Hymnal, page 13 (*Communion responses are spoken.*)

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

\* Hymn No. 711

"For All the Saints"

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\* Benediction

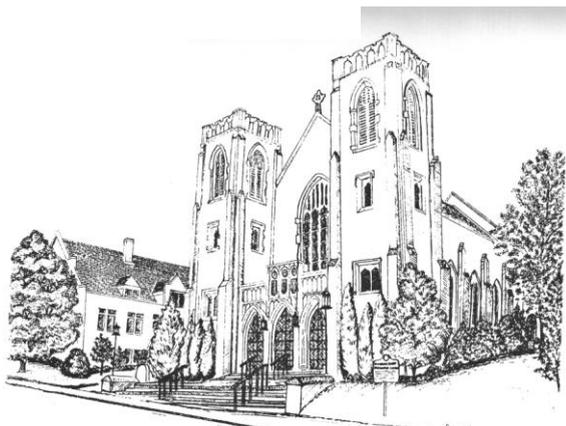
Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* *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. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*  
*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*



## *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

Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“See, the home<sup>[a]</sup> of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell<sup>[b]</sup> with them;  
they will be his peoples,<sup>[c]</sup>  
and God himself will be with them;<sup>[d]</sup>  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”  
<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

## John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

John Wesley only stayed in Georgia for 23 months. Most of that time was spent in Savannah, but he made five trips to St. Simons Island. After his return to England he often mentioned how hot it had been in Georgia. Not only was it hot in Georgia, it was also cold.

On his last trip to St. Simons Island in January, 1737, he wrote in his journal that he spent the coldest day in his life on the island. He wrote that it was so cold the ink in his inkwell froze on a table near the fireplace. It was colder than any day he had ever spent in England.

He also noted that the hearts of the people on St. Simons were colder than that! He said he spent 20 days ‘beating the air’ spiritually and nothing was happening. As he left the island he wrote in his journal, “I hope I never have to go back to that unhappy place!” That was his last trip to St. Simons Island.