

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2019
Eleven O'clock



Entrance and Praise

* **Song of Welcome** *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN
Please rise in body or spirit to sing.
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.
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Greeting in the Name of Christ Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Mulberry Moment *Being Followers of Jesus* Judy Hodgens

Voluntary *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Jack Jones

Call to Worship from Psalm 121:2 Austin Carter
Our hope is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Sisters and brothers,
let us worship God.

* **Entrance Hymn No. 103** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession Austin Carter
God of grace,
for our failure to love others as you have loved us, **forgive us.**
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, **forgive us.**
For losing heart and abandoning hope, **forgive us.**
For all the ways we turn from you, **forgive us. . . .**
[silent prayer]
We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness Austin Carter

Choral Response *Jesus Loves Me* arr. John Ferguson
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sins, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide."
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

Rev. Trevor Ward

*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. Trevor Ward

**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

Melinda Powell

**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.**

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Melinda Powell

Old Testament

Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Sermon

*BEING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
7. Followers "Get in It" with God*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Jesus Loves Me

Robert Hobby

*** 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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*** Hymn No. 584 (Stanzas 1-4) Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Recognition of and Thanksgiving for Bruce Bishop

*** Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

*** Congregational Response**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

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

Closing Voluntary

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Charles Callahan

* *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
Ainsworth Choir
Lisa Shepard, Piano
Melinda Powell, Liturgist
Austin Carter, Reader
Ben Jamison, Lead Acolyte
Ella Magda, Crucifer
Caroline Dent & Katherine Dent, Candlelighters
Rev. Julia Norman, Children's Church

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) U.S. Army (Ret) Jerry M. Woodbery
and F. Benson Woodbery, father and brother of Rev. J. Maddox Woodbery, Jr.,
by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hyer.*

Being Followers of Jesus

Worship/Sermon Series:

October 27: **Followers Don't Judge** – Luke 18:9-14

November 3: **Followers Celebrate Our Resurrection Hope!** – Ephesians 1:11-23

November 10: **Followers' Faith Is Lived** – Job 19:23-27a (Commitment Sunday)

We will bring our pledge cards forward.

November 17: **Followers' Faith Is Known by All** – Isaiah 65:17-25

November 24: **Followers Follow Christ Jesus** – Colossians 1:11-20

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. If you would like to join with a group, our next joining Sunday is November 17.

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>.

Up and Coming at Mulberry Street UMC

Bruce Bishop's Buffet & Bash

Sunday, October 20

following 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall
Join us in honoring Bruce for 34 years of service with food, fellowship and fun.
Tickets \$8 per person; \$30 max per family

Wednesday, October 23

Midweek at Mulberry

Program: Z Beans Coffee – Shane Buerster

5:30 p.m. Serving line begins

6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs (grades K4 – 5)

Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

Family Connection Group

6:40 p.m. Study: *Making Sense of the Bible*

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Sunday, October 27

Being Followers of Jesus:

October 27: ***Followers Don't Judge*** – Luke 18:9-14

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Fall Festival is coming! Join us Sunday afternoon, October 27 for games, hayrides, crafts, and fun for the whole family! Trunk or Treat is 4-5 p.m. and the rest of the activities are 4-6 p.m. We are looking for awesome volunteers from 6th grade and up to make this an amazing event; contact Julia Norman to volunteer.

Chili and Apple Pie Cook-off will be held at 6:30 p.m., so bring your pot of chili or special apple pie to the atrium before 6:00 to be entered to win a fabulous prize! Costume contest winners from the Fall Festival will also be announced there; join us for a fun night for our Mulberry Family!

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 3

“All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.” (UMC Board of Discipleship)

We will remember those in our congregation who have died in the past year as well as all who have died. Communion will be celebrated at all three services.

Families and friends of church members who have died this past year will be joining us for 11 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship. Following the reading of names, the Ainsworth Choir will present the Puccini *Requiem* with violist Emily Brandenburg. Trumpet Brandon Craswell will lead our congregation in the hymn *For All the Saints* as we conclude the service with this arrangement that begins poignantly and ends with great celebration.

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery will preach at 9 a.m. Chapel and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, and Rev. Jeff Cook will preach at 11 a.m. NewRoom Worship.

Please invite family and friends to worship at MSUMC, especially those who have lost a loved in recent years.