

*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia*

The Church at Worship

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Frederick Swann

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Marilyn Armstrong

God comes, looking for people
who wish to see the Holy in everyday life.

Here I am, God – send me.

God calls, looking for people to bring peace to the world.

Here I am, God – send me.

God searches, looking for those who can bring their vision
and strength to grace the world.

Here I am, God – send me.

God invites all who would live with more faith.

Here I am, God – send me.

God beckons us into worship,
that we might know the Holy right here and now.
from Call to Worship

* Hymn No. 454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

**Jesus our healer, you give sight to the blind.
 We close our eyes to those
 who are different from us:
 at school, at work, at the playground.
 We close our eyes to those
 who worship you differently from us:
 through music, through prayers,
 through preaching.
 Open our eyes, Lord Christ.
 Heal and forgive us.
 Empower us in your Spirit to reach out
 to those who are different,
 and learn how they see you in the world. Amen.**
from Call to Worship

Silent Confession

May almighty God, who caused light to shine
 out of darkness,
 shine in our hearts,
 cleansing us from all our sins,
 and restoring us to the light of knowledge of God’s glory,
 in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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. 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.**

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
Hebrews 7:23-28

Marilyn Armstrong

* Gospel Reading
Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

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

Sermon
“Faith at the Gate”

Rev. Matt Woodbery

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

**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. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 378
“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

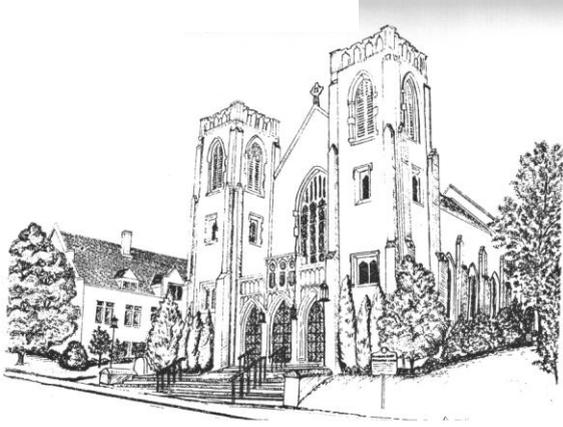
* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*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
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Marilyn Armstrong, Liturgist*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Rosa Bennett’s birthday
by Lark Bennett, Melody Shearer and family.*



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>.

Today's Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, ^[a] let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

It would be hard to list the various settings in which John Wesley preached the Gospel. He preached in small chapels, homes, great cathedrals, parks, meadows, mining pits, bridges, barns, you name it ...

Such outdoor preaching came with built in perils: rain, snow, mobs, heat, cold, wind, you name it ...

On one unusual day John Wesley was just beginning his outdoor sermon when an "unprovoked wasp" stung him on his lip! He feared the lip would swell preventing his preaching. But that didn't happen. He preached for two hours with no discomfort and again the next day.

Bible Study Options

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)

All women are welcome.

Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or mollywalker@cox.net.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Road

Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813)

or clarerauls@bellsouth.net.

Small Groups

Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group

11:15 am - Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

Monday Evening Small Group

5:30-7:00 pm - Young Professionals Group (Ages 23-35)

Contact: Trevor Ward (478-607-9003) for meeting place.

Tuesday Evening Small Group

6:30-8:00 pm - Home of Sam & Gini Lamback

(821 Wesleyan Drive)

Contact: Rev. Sam and Gini Lamback (478-550-3067) or

lambacks@bellsouth.net.

United Methodist Women's Circles

Esther Circle

Meets: 1st Thursday of the month

at Noon in the Church Parlor

Contact: Mary Anne Gaudry at 478-477-0638 or magaudry@cox.net.

Grace Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month

at home of circle members at 6:30 pm.

Contact: Marilyn Armstrong at 478-335-8363 or marilyn@cox.net.

Paula Motes Circle

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month

at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact: Dianne Greene at 478-474-1038 or dkgo221@cs.com.