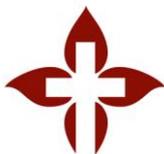


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 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.*

Gathering Music

Hymn No. 345

“Tis the Old Ship of Zion”

YARMOUTH

Greeting in the Name of Christ

Rev. Jeff Cook

The grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship

Gail Springstead

Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
there’s mercy with the Lord,
and he will surely give you rest
by trusting in his Word.

Come, let us worship God.

* Opening Medley

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee. Refrain**

Refrain:

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou has died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. Refrain**

“Only Trust Him”

**Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
there’s mercy with the Lord;
and he will surely give you rest,
by trusting in his Word. Refrain**

Refrain:

**Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.**

**For Jesus shed his precious blood
rich blessings to bestow;
plunge now into the crimson flood
that washes white as snow. Refrain**

* Opening Prayer

Gail Springstead

Loving God, we come to worship you today.

We come to sing, pray, and listen.

You always hear us.

Help us to hear you. Amen.

(From The Worship Sourcebook)

Act of Praise

“Freely, Freely”

FREELY, FREELY

Please sing the refrain:

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.**

**Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.**

Psalm

Psalm 124

Gail Springstead

This responsive psalm is found at Psalm 124, page 846, in the hymnbook.

Please sing the response when indicated and read the psalm responsively.

Prayer Hymn No. 452

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

Please remain seated to sing.

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.**

* Gospel Reading
Mark 9:38-50

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Epistle Lesson
James 5:13-20

Rev. Jeff Cook

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

Sermon
“Faith That Heals”

Rev. Jeff Cook

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Jeff Cook

* Hymn of Discipleship No. 369
“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

* Benediction

Rev. Jeff Cook

* *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
Gail Springstead, Liturgist*

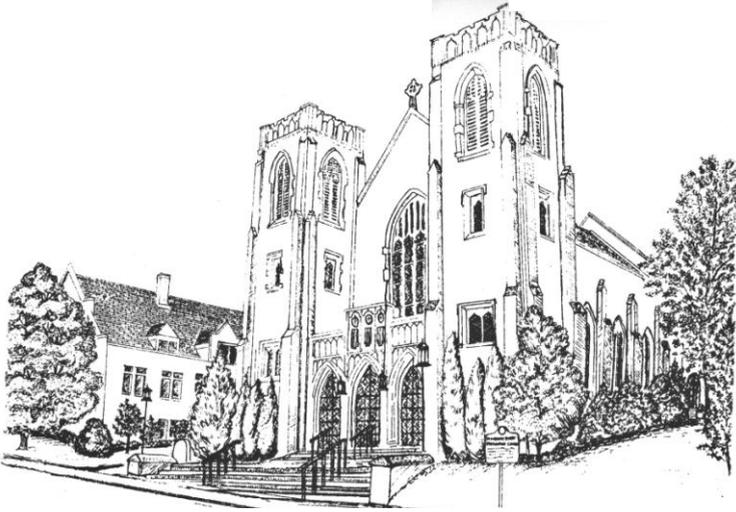
*We thank Fifth Sunday for their worship leadership today:
Barbara Henley, Lynneth Whitten, Johnny Hathcock,
Jack McCarthy, Jerry Stinchcomb, Sallie Shuford,
and Sam Lamback*

*The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
by the Flower Guild.*



Did you know Jesus has a monogram? Christian symbols are known as Christograms. You may have noticed our green and white hangings, our Crucifer (processional cross) and other crosses around the church all have the Christogram, “IHS.” It is the Christian monogram based on the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek (IHCOG). These symbols first appeared in the 7th and 8th century early church. Religious symbolism has an effect when it affects both intellect and the emotions.

Chris Abbott
Worship Chair



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 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

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters,^[a] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's^[b] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

John Wesley Moments

Rev. Dave Hanson

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

Did you know that John Wesley introduced hymn singing into the English-speaking Church? When John was in Georgia he took some of the German hymns, added several others, took them to Charleston, and had them printed in 1736. It was probably the first hymn book in the Anglican (Church of England) denomination.

Before John Wesley, English-speaking congregations chanted psalms, but did not sing hymns. Wesley enjoyed the hymn singing of the German Moravians on the ship coming to Georgia and when he worshipped with them in Georgia.

When John was a student at Christ Church Collage at Oxford he played the flute. One entry in his Georgia diary indicates his desire to spend at least one hour each day playing his flute while in Georgia.

Wesley loved great singing! He rejoiced when the children in his schools sang. However, he was greatly disturbed by poor singing. He especially disliked it when several people who had good voices would sing different words at the same time. He thought that such singing was the most foolish thing he ever heard.

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.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)

Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189)

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 marilynarm@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 dkg0221@cs.com.