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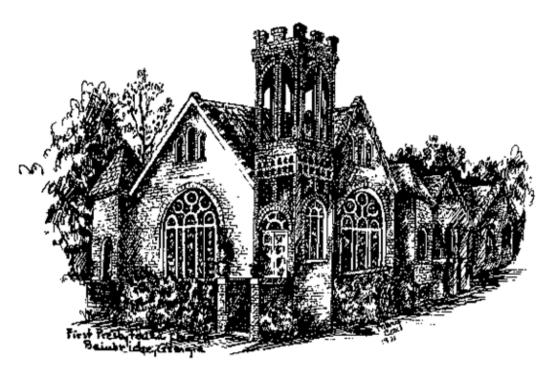
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First Presbyterian Church Bainbridge, Georgia Service 10:30 A.M. January 1, 2023

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

# **Epiphany of the Lord Observed**

January 1, 2023 Elder on Call ~ Steve Poitevint (229) 254-0770 ~ January 2-8, 2023 Liturgist ~ Pastor John Erthein

Striking of the Hour

### **Greetings and Announcements**

Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "We Declare Your Majesty"

### Call to Worship

- L: Come, O nations, to the light of Christ Jesus. O rulers of the peoples, pay tribute to the LORD.
- P: Arise and shine, for your light has come. For the mystery of Christ has been revealed!
- L: If darkness should cover the whole earth, the LORD will arise upon you.
- P: Clouds and thick darkness surround the peoples. But the people of God shall see the glory of the LORD!
- L: See, O LORD, how your people come to you. See and be radiant, that your children may draw near.
- P: Proclaim the praise of Jesus our Lord! For the mystery of Christ is revealed!

**Prayer of Invocation** 

Hymn of Praise # 288

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## "We Three Kings"

### \* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

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arr. Kurt Kaiser

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We confess, O God, that we are often afraid. We have attached ourselves to the things of this world, and thus we live in fear of losing our comforts, our possessions, our influence, our positions. We are slow to trust that you desire to give us something far greater than we can ask for or imagine. We are slower still to make a new beginning, to receive you humbly, for you to come to meet us with a humility far deeper, with a truth more humbling, than we can ever understand. Forgive us, O God, and accept our confession. For we have no other hope than our hope in you. **Amen.** 

k Silent Prayer of Confession

## \* Assurance of Pardon

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Be bold and confident and have faith in the Lord! He who was worshipped by rich kings and poor shepherds regards you as precious in his sight. Christ Jesus our Lord, our Good Shepherd King, shall make righteousness flourish and peace abound for you who seek the glory of the LORD. Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God! Amen.** 

*	Gloria Patri # 813	"Glory Be to the Father"	Gloria Patri	
	Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Pastor John Erthein	
	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings			
	Offertory	"Wayfaring Stranger"	arr. Mark Hayes	
	Doxology # 815	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"		
	Prayer of Dedication		Pastor John Erthein	
	Prayer of Illumination		Pastor John Erthein	
	Scripture Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	(Pew Bible Page 654 OT) (Pew Bibles Pages 7 & 8 NT)	
	Minister: This is the word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>			
	Sermon	"Paying Homage"	Pastor John Erthein	
*	<b>The Apostles Creed</b> ~ <b>Traditional</b> (Unison) 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.			
*	Hymn of Dismissal # 290	"As with Gladness Men of Old"		
	Pastoral Benediction			
	Postlude	"How Majestic Is Your Name"	Michael W. Smith	

## \*Those who are able, please stand NURSERY AVAILABLE – IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR USHERS