

“The Birthday of a King” W. H. Neidlinger

In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a child one day, and the sky was bright with a holy light o’er the place where Jesus lay. Alleluia! O how the angels sang! Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light. ‘Twas the birthday of a King. ‘Twas a humble birthplace, but oh, how much God gave to us that day! From the manger bed, what a path has led! What a perfect, holy way! Alleluia! O how the angels sang! Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light! ‘Twas the birthday of a King!

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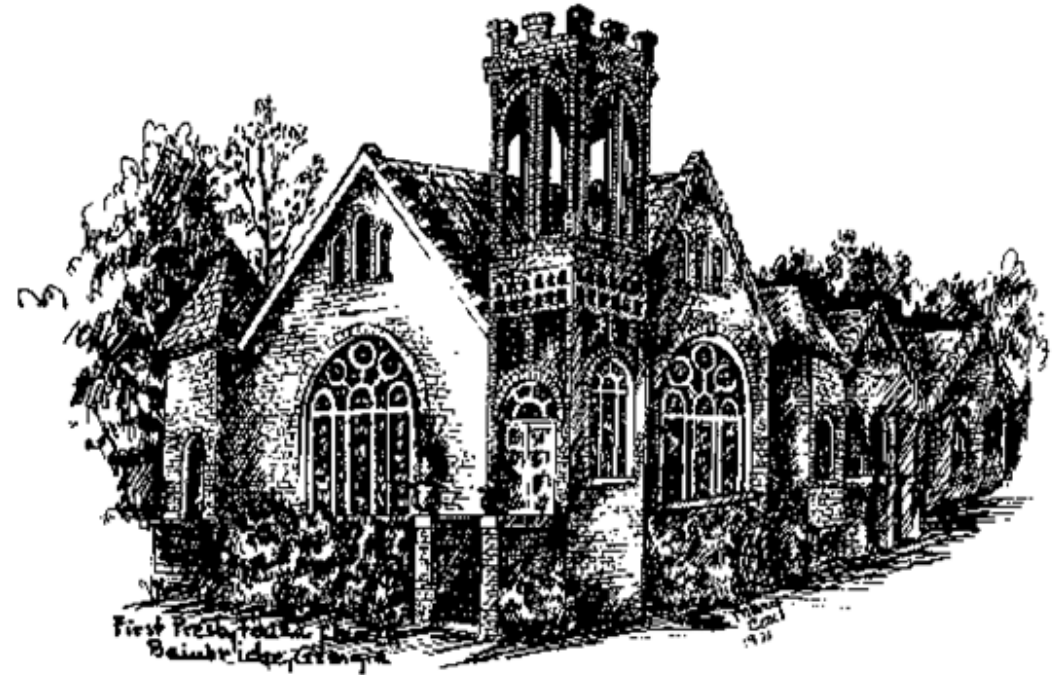
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 A.M.
December 25, 2022**

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.

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Elder on Call ~ Bob Glover (229) 220-3679 ~ December 26-January 1, 2023

Liturgist ~ Susan Shiver

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Christmas Traditions" *Chip Davis*
Jeremy Perkins ~ Trumpet

Choral Introit "Emmanuel, Emmanuel!" *Bob McGee*

Call to Worship **Susan Shiver**

L: The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: "See, your salvation comes."

P: His reward is with him, his recompense before him.

L: "Go through the gates; prepare the way for my people."

P: Build up the highway; clear it of stones.

L: "My daughter Zion shall be called, 'Sought out, A City Not Forsaken.'"

P: Come, let us worship the LORD.

Prayer of Invocation **Susan Shiver**

* **Hymn of Praise # 278** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* **Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) **Susan Shiver**

We confess, O Lord, that like children we are often afraid of the dark – whether it be the dark of winter or the dark of cruel deeds done, the dark of mood or dejected spirit, the dark of the eye gone dim and downcast, so that the inner life is closed off and begins to die. Forgive us, O Lord, for indulging fear and accommodating the culture of death, for trembling at whatever darkness we perceive or imagine. Fill us with your radiant light! Let your light shine upon us, as we see in the face of your Son Jesus Christ the face of all things made new! In his holy name we pray.
Amen.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** **Pastor John Erthein**

Hear again the good news: Our gracious God knows the effects of sin on us. This is why he forgives and redeems: so that we might learn the obedience we have not shown in former times, and so that we might be made ready for every good work in the name of Jesus, the Christ child.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **Gloria Patri # 813** "Glory Be to the Father"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer **Pastor John Erthein**

* **Hymn for Mission # 281** "What Child Is This?"
(Please come forward and place your mission offering in the Mission Box
in front of the Communion Table during the Hymn for Mission)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" *English Melody*

Doxology # 815 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication **Susan Shiver**

Solo "The Birthday of a King" *W. H. Neidlinger*
Jenna Chambliss ~ Soprano

Prayer of Illumination **Pastor John Erthein**

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 52:7-10** (*Pew Bible Page 648 OT*)
John 1:1-14 (*Pew Bible Page 89 NT*)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "In the Beginning" **Pastor John Erthein**

* **The Apostles Creed ~ Traditional** (*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 # 270** "Joy to the World!"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "What Child Is This?" *16th Century English*
Jeremy Perkins ~ Trumpet

**Those who are able, please stand*

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