

“Comfort Ye, My People” from Messiah G. F. Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

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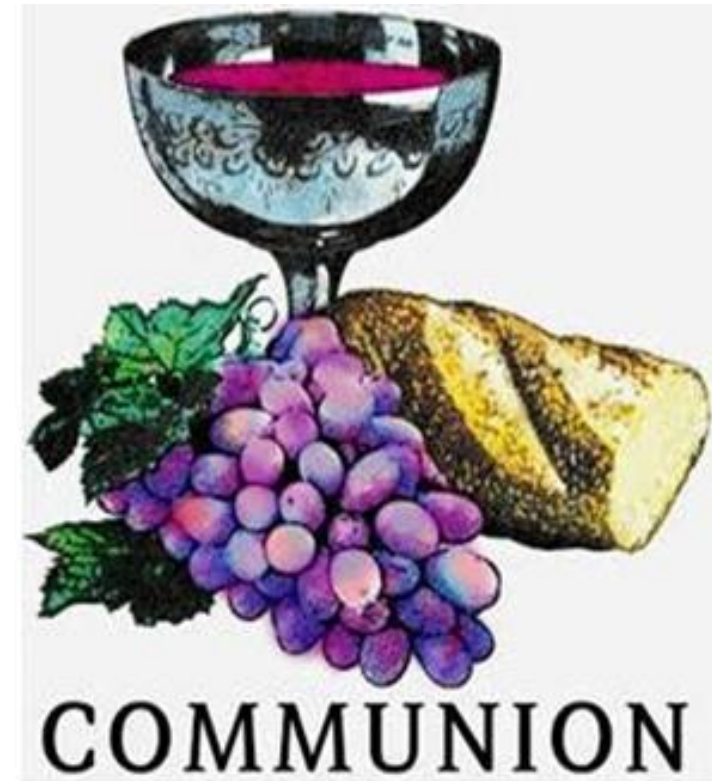
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SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 A.M.

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Elder on Call ~ Janie Adams (229) 254-5432 ~ December 5-11, 2022

Liturgist ~ Kimm Powell

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prelude

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Kimm Powell

German melody

Choral Introit

“Sing Alleluia”

Wes Cameron

Call to Worship

Kimm Powell

L: Let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the LORD. Let us praise God together, with one voice.

P: As the waters cover the depths of the sea, so let our hearts be filled with love. For we have seen God’s mercy in our Lord Jesus Christ!

L: Let all people repent, fear the LORD, and prosper. May all nations turn to God, that the earth may be filled with peace.

P: We await the coming of our righteous King. For the Son of God shall lead us in the ways of truth.

L: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things!

P: Blessed be the glorious name of God forever. May the glory of the LORD fill the whole earth.

Prayer of Invocation

Kimm Powell

* Hymn of Praise #245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Kimm Powell

Sovereign God, we are told that your kingdom has come near. We confess this confuses us, for we all too rarely perceive it. We are dismayed at the sin we see in the world, and we tremble to name the sin that dwells in our hearts. We are told to repent, yet sometimes we lack even the desire to change. Forgive us, O God. Have mercy on us and transform us, that we may with joy look forward to your coming. Draw us into your silent, loving, merciful grace, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Pastor John Erthein

Be steadfast in faith and take courage from our merciful Savior, who forgives all our sins, and who desires that we glorify God as one. Praise the LORD, all you nations! Let all the peoples praise the holy name of our Lord! **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 of Preparation #255

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“The First Noel”

17th century English carol

Doxology #815

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

Kimm Powell

Solo

“Comfort Ye, My People” from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Jake Armstrong ~ Tenor

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Pew Bible Page 610 OT)

Matthew 3:1-12

(Pew Bible Page 8 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Who Warned You?”

Pastor John Erthein

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

The Communion Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

(The Minister continues with prayer)

The Distribution of the Elements

(Please eat the bread and drink the cup at the same time as the pastor.)

* Hymn of Dismissal #250

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ludwig van Beethoven

**Those who are able, please stand*

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