

“Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come” James MacDermid

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with Me. I am the Light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life. Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For the sun shall be no more thy light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be to thee thine everlasting Light, and thy God thy glory! Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Arise, shine, for thy Light is come!

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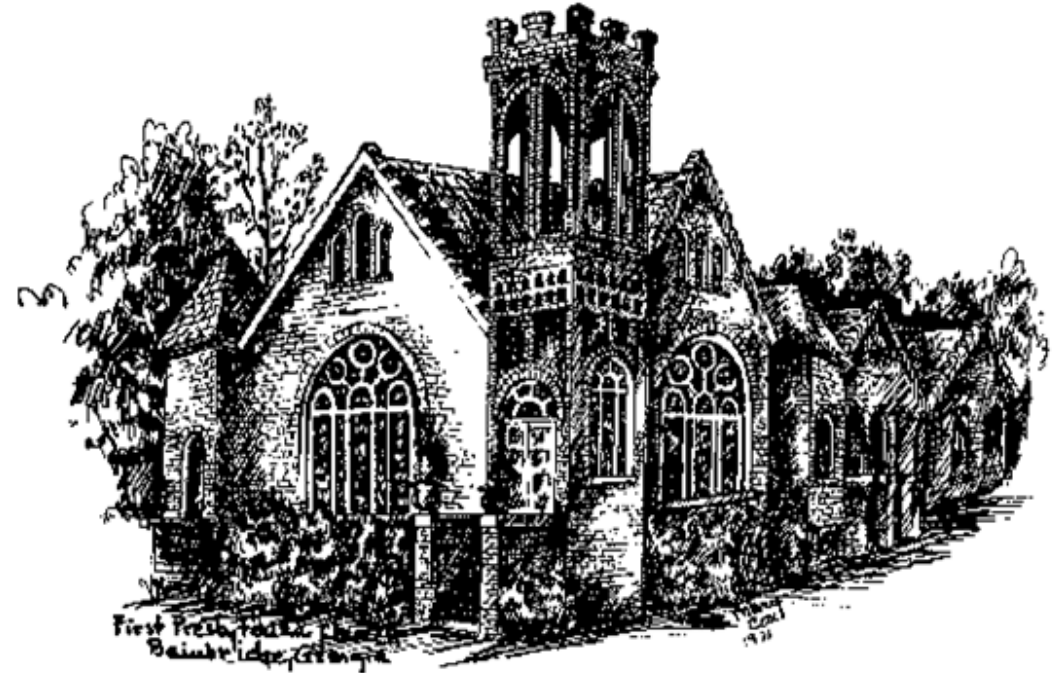
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 A.M.
January 29, 2023**

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.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Angie Davis (478) 335-8050 ~ January 30-February 5, 2023

Liturgist ~ Sybil Lee

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Sing Unto the Lord" *arr. Mark Hayes*

Choral Introit "Rise Up, O Church of God" *arr. Joseph Barlowe*

Call to Worship **Sybil Lee**

L: Come, all who would do what is right; Come, all who would speak from the heart.

P: Let us gather in God's holy temple.

L: Take up no reproach against your neighbor. Make peace and honor those who fear the LORD!

P: God is faithful and steadfast and good! Let us remember the saving acts of the LORD!

L: Indeed, God has told you what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

P: To do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God. Let us, one and all, devote ourselves to such things.

Prayer of Invocation **Sybil Lee**

* **Hymn of Praise # 8** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* **Sybil Lee**

We have not known you through worldly wisdom, and we cannot grasp you with human strength. We can only recognize you as you reveal yourself, O God, yet we try to hide from your silent, watchful presence, for we know that you have seen and heard us at our worst, and we tremble to consider what our forgiveness has cost you. Confound our pretensions to wisdom, O Lord; confront our illusions with the message of your cross, that we might see in the crucified One, the true glory of loyalty and wisdom, the obedient perfection of humility and strength. **Amen.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

Christ Jesus is indeed the source of new life! He has become for us wisdom from God! The saving power of the message of the cross is that the divine-human person, Christ Jesus himself, is our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption. **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**

* **Hymn of Preparation #33** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "As the Deer" *arr. Mark Hayes*

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

Prayer of Dedication **Sybil Lee**

Solo "Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come" *James MacDermid*
Jake Armstrong ~ Tenor

Prayer of Illumination **Pastor John Erthein**

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20:4-6** *(Pew Bible Page 65 OT)*
Deuteronomy 4:15-20 *(Pew Bible Page 159 OT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Who or What Owns Your Heart?" **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 # 23** "The God of Abraham Praise"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" *Rick Founds*

**Those who are able, please stand*

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