

“Wonders of His Love” arr. Mary McDonald

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy! What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary! The holly and the ivy, when they are fully grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our dear Savior! O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love! The wonders of His love! His love!

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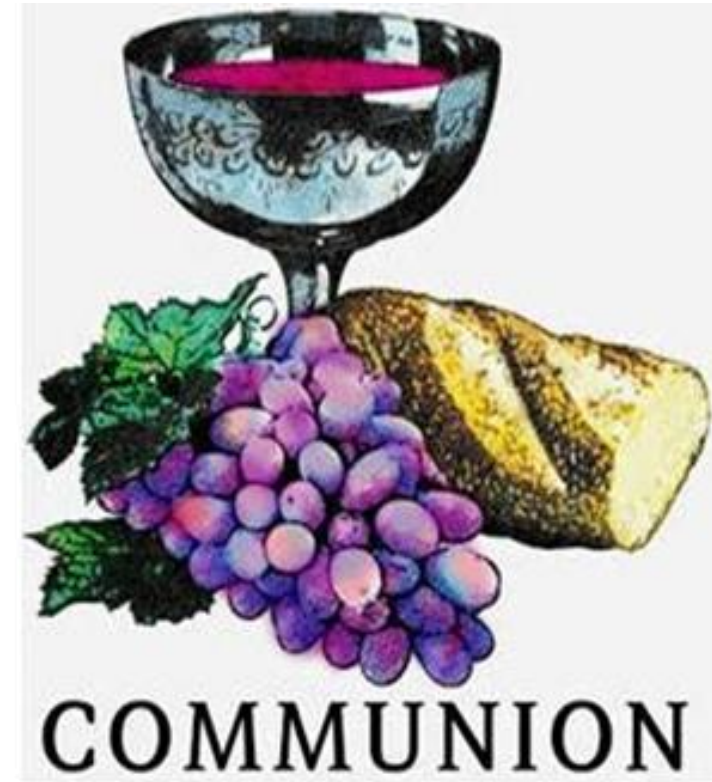
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COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 A.M.

January 8, 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.

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Peggy Shingler (404) 966-9848 ~ January 9-15, 2023

Liturgist ~ Sheri Allen

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "God Will Make a Way" Don Moen

Choral Introit "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Bob McGee

Call to Worship Sheri Allen

L: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

P: proclaim his salvation day after day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations,

P: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Prayer of Adoration Sheri Allen

* Hymn of Praise #465 "Baptized in Water"

* Prayer of Confession (Unison) Sheri Allen

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain occupied with ourselves, separated from brothers and sisters in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. **Amen.**

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Pastor John Erthein

Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus

Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son. Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "More Precious than Silver" Lynn Deshazo

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

Prayer of Dedication Sheri Allen

Choral Anthem "Wonders of His Love" arr. Mary McDonald

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 636 & 637 OT)

Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible Page 9 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Stand-In" Pastor John Erthein

Installation of New Elders Mills Brock ~ Mike Holt ~ David Kendrick

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 #488 "Just as I Am"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "We Bow Down" Twila Paris

*Those who are able, please stand

NURSERY AVAILABLE – IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE USHERS