

“The Holy City” Weatherly and Adams

Last night I lay asleeing; there came a dream so fair. I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang! Methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang! Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King! And then methought my dream was changed; the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark how the angels sing Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King! And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets; the gates were open wide. And all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away! It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away! Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna forevermore! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna forevermore!

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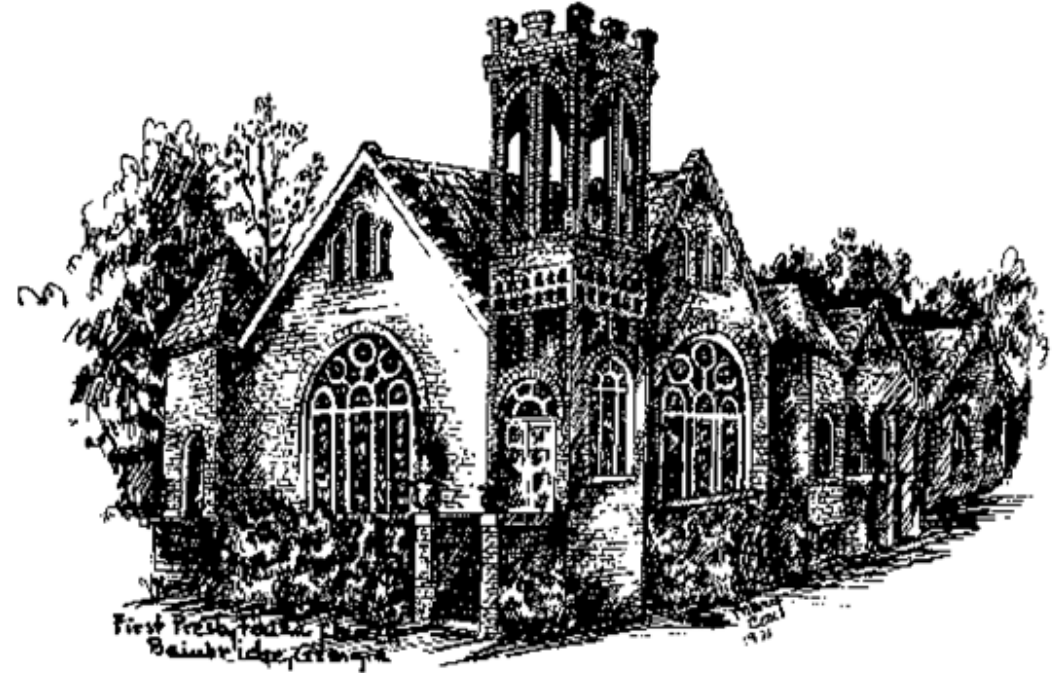
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

March 12, 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.

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Bob Glover (229) 220-3679 ~ March 13-19, 2023

Liturgist ~ Mike Holt

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

"Joy Overflowing"

Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

Mike Holt

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: For the LORD is a great God who reigns supreme over all other gods.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

P: For the LORD is our God, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

L: O that today you would heed the voice of the LORD! Do not harden your hearts as did the Israelites in the wilderness.

P: For their generation did not regard the ways of the LORD, and they did not enter the land of promise.

Prayer of Invocation

Mike Holt

* Hymn of Praise # 435

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

* Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Mike Holt

Living God, we confess we often drink what does not quench our thirst and eat that which does not satisfy. We allow ourselves to be driven by foolish impulses and thoughtless cravings, and we forget your vital and lasting provisions: the living water of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the lasting food that comes of doing your will. Forgive our vain strivings, O God. Be present to us in all your fullness, that we might partake of your eternal word and be equipped, empowered, and inspired to proclaim to others your gracious gift of eternal life in Christ. **Amen.**

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Pastor John Erthein

Friends, hear the good news! God has proved His love for us in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and at peace.

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 # 438

"Jesus Saves!"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Majesty"

arr. Fred Bock

Doxology # 815

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

Mike Holt

Solo

"The Holy City"

Weatherly and Adams

Jake Armstrong ~ Tenor

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

(Pew Bible Page 63 OT)

John 4:5-42

(Pew Bible Pages 92 & 93 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Living Water"

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 Commitment # 512

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

William Doane and Fanny Crosby

**Those who are able please stand.*

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