

“Worthy Is the Lamb of God” Tom Fettke

(Revelation 5:12)

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Worthy, worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing! To receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing! Worthy, worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Worthy, worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Worthy is the Lamb of God!

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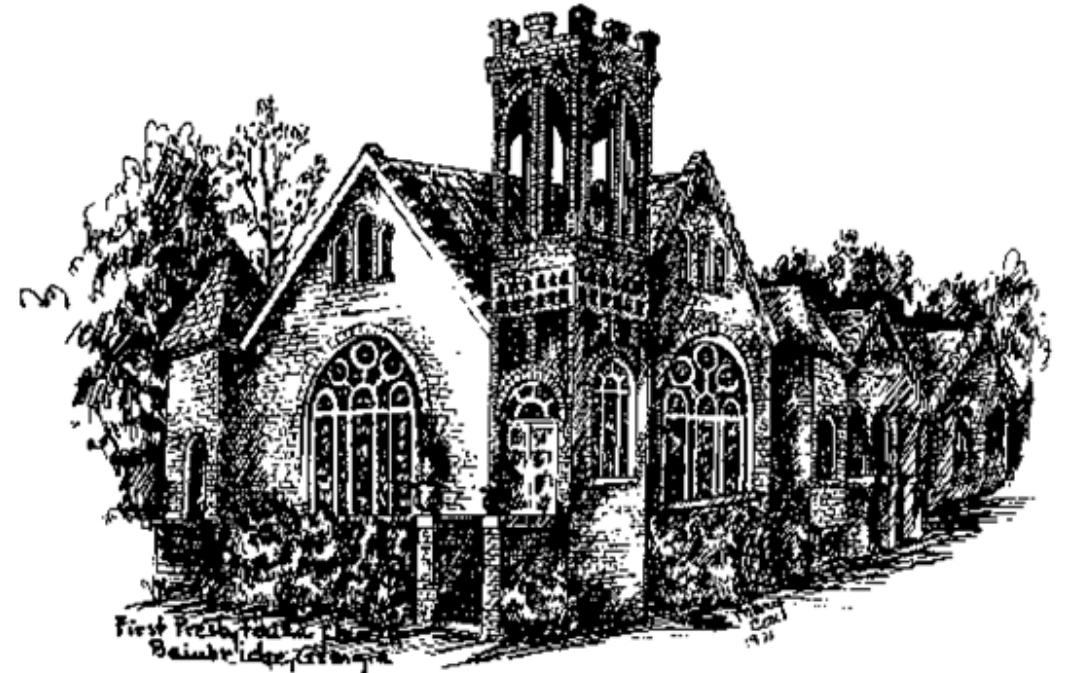
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

March 19, 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 in Lent

March 19, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Peggy Shingler (404) 966-9848 ~ March 20-26, 2023

Liturgist ~ Thad Pettyjohn

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Oh How He Loves You and Me" Kurt Kaiser

Choral Introit "O the Lamb" arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Call to Worship Thad Pettyjohn

L: Come to Christ, O people! Come! Gather in the presence of your Sovereign Lord.

P: Open our eyes, O Light of the world! For though we may walk through vales of darkness, we shall yet see the Light of life.

L: Come to Christ, O people! Come! Let us worship and bow down before the Living God.

P: Fill us, O Spirit! Let us feed on your Word, and bear the fruit of the light that is good, right, and true.

Prayer of Invocation Thad Pettyjohn

* **Hymn of Praise # 348** "My Savior's Love"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Thad Pettyjohn

We confess, O God, that we are often blind to your ways, deaf to your voice, and indifferent to your will. We often fail to do the works to which you have called us. We walk as though we are stumbling in the dark, though your holy light streams all around us. Forgive us, O LORD, for every sin and failure, every fearful retreat, every stubborn rebellion. Give each of us a pure heart, a clean mind, and a willing spirit, that your works might be revealed in your church, as you intend, under the grace and authority of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Hear the good news: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Everything exposed in the light of the Lord becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Truly, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **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

Mission Moment

David Wiggins

* **Hymn of Preparation # 444** "I Love to Tell the Story"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Higher Ground" Charles Gabriel

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

Prayer of Dedication Thad Pettyjohn

Choral Anthem "Worthy Is the Lamb of God" Tom Fetteke

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 (Pew Bible Pages 184 & 185 NT)
John 9:1-41 (Pew Bible Pages 99 & 100 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Enlightened" 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 # 563** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick

**Those who are able please stand.*

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