

“Behold the Lamb” arr. David Clydesdale

*Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God.
Behold the Lamb. Crown Him! Crown Him! Worthy is the Lamb! Praises! Praises! Heaven and earth resound! Behold the Lamb, behold the
Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Lamb!*

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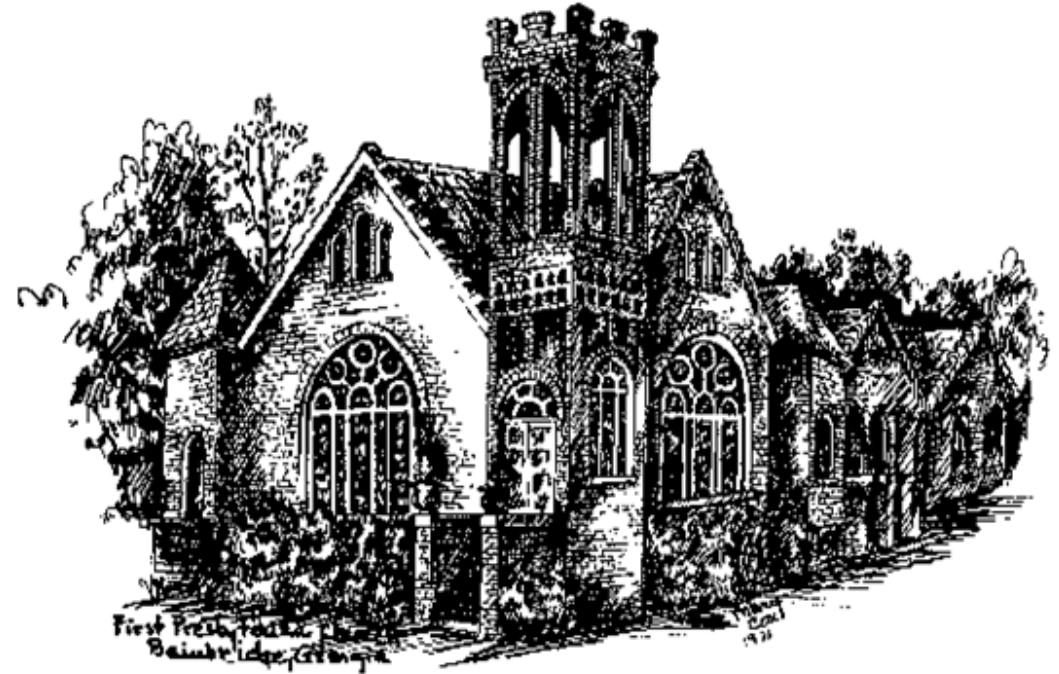
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

March 26, 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.

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Steve Poitevint (229) 254-0770 ~ March 27-April 2, 2023

Liturgist ~ Ernie Purcell

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* *arr. Tom Fettke*

Choral Introit *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* *harm. J. S. Bach*

Call to Worship Ernie Purcell

L: The LORD said, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD:

P: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews and cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live and know that I am the LORD."

L: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

P: Truly, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He, the crucified, lives again, and in Christ we too shall live. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation Ernie Purcell

* **Hymn of Praise # 323** *"At the Cross" (Optional repeat refrain setting)*

* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* Ernie Purcell

You, O Lord, have spoken, and we know that you will act according to your promise. Therefore, we are bold to approach you and confess that our sins are beyond our capacity to cure; they, like grave clothes, bind us so that we cannot free ourselves. But you, O LORD, have promised to bring your people up from the grave, to restore us to our heritage, and to make us stand upright. Moreover, you have promised to put your Spirit within us, and though our sins have grieved your Spirit, we have confidence that your gracious power is greater than the powers of sin and death. Fulfill your promise, Lord GOD of Israel. Forgive us, fill us, and restore us to new life, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit lives because of the righteousness of Christ. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you. Know that you are forgiven and be 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 for Mission # 314** *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*
(Please come forward and place your mission offering in the Mission Box in front of the Communion Table during the Hymn for Mission.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"We Are an Offering"* *Dwight Liles*

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

Prayer of Dedication Ernie Purcell

Choral Anthem *"Behold the Lamb"* *arr. David Clydesdale*

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14** *(Pew Bible Page 763 OT)*
John 11:1-45 *(Pew Bible Pages 101 & 102 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Shall These Bones Live?"* 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 # 311** *"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" (Optional last stanza setting)*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"* *Meredith Willson*

**Those who are able please stand.*

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