

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Harry Rowe Shelley

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread’st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight with which my cup o’erfloweth. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever! And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever! Amen!

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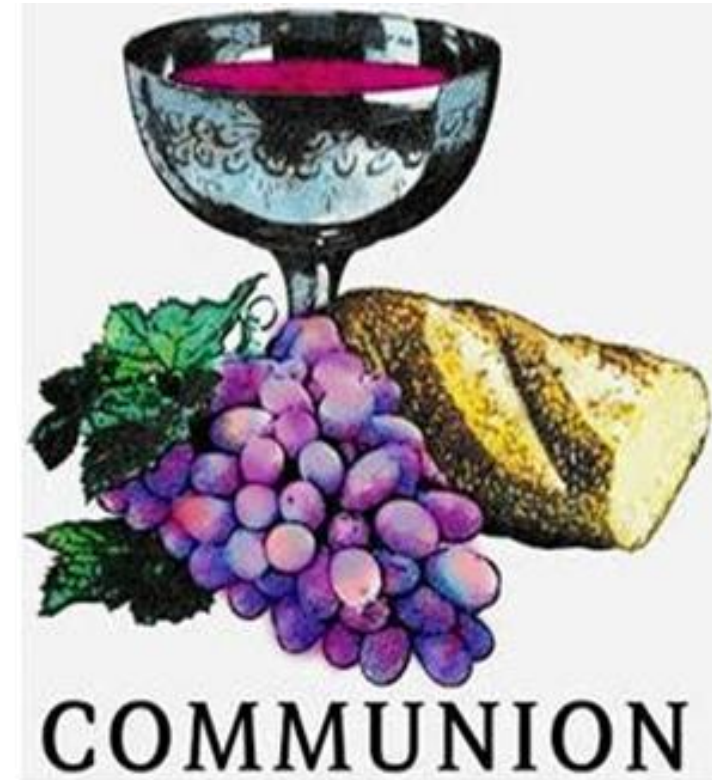
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COMMUNION SUNDAY

**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 A.M.
March 5, 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.

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Elder on Call ~ David Kendrick (229) 254-3511 ~ March 6-12, 2023

Liturgist ~ Sheri Allen

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *"Morning Has Broken"* arr. David Schwoebel

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

Call to Worship Sheri Allen

L: The LORD has promised to make a great nation of those who believe His promises.

P: Come, O LORD! For you give life to the dead. You bring into being those things that were not!

L: The LORD reckons faith as righteousness to those who, like Abraham, trust in Him.

P: Come, O LORD! You are worthy to be praised. For your promises rest on your grace alone.

L: The children of faith shall inherit the earth. Such is the trustworthy promise of God.

P: Come, O Lord! You are worthy of trust. May our worship declare your glory!

Prayer of Invocation Sheri Allen

* **Hymn of Praise # 686** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Sheri Allen

Almighty God, truly your Son has come, ushering in your kingdom and performing mighty deeds in your presence. Yet, we confess, we have been slow of heart to believe; we have remained attached to worldly concerns and neglected spiritual matters of eternal importance. Forgive us, O Lord, for wasting so much time and attention on things that will not endure and that do not satisfy. Refresh us and give us new life under the grace and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Give us the resolve to do your will, the wisdom to discern your truth, and the living water of your Spirit, that we may drink deeply and forever find refreshment in the river of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Friends, hear and believe the good news: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Know that in Christ you are forgiven and at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

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

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

* **Hymn of Preparation # 23** *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"* arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Prayer of Dedication Sheri Allen

Choral Anthem *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* Harry Rowe Shelley

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading **Genesis 12:1-4a** (Pew Bibles Page 9 & 10 OT)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Pew Bible Pages 146 & 147 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Abraham's God and Ours"* Pastor John Erthein

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 Commitment # 596** *"I Surrender All"*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *"Down to the River to Pray"* arr. Jason Krug

**Those who are able please stand.*

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