

***“God So Loved the World” John Stainer***

*God so loved the world! God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life! For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world! God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life! Everlasting, everlasting life! God so loved the world! God so loved the world! God so loved the world!*

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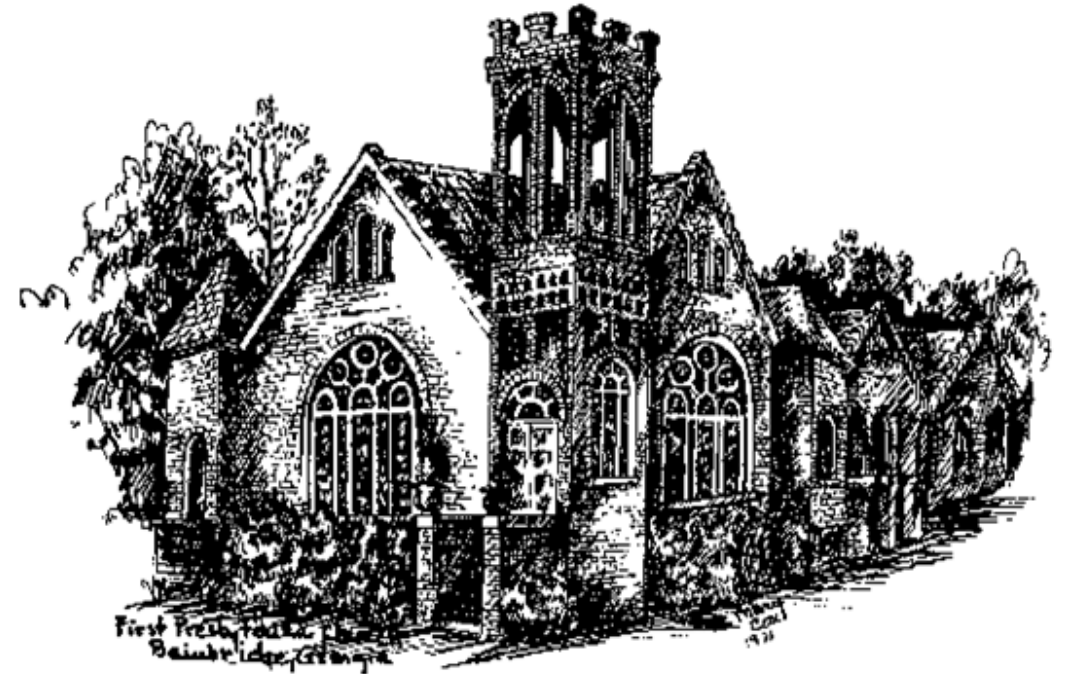
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**First Presbyterian Church**

**Bainbridge, Georgia**

**Service 10:30 a.m.**

**April 16, 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.*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Angie Davis (478) 335-8050 ~ April 17-23, 2023

Liturgist ~ Reese Godby

## Striking of the Hour

## Greetings and Announcements

**Prelude** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* *arr. Tom Fettke*

**Choral Introit** *"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"* *Lowell Mason*

## Call to Worship Reese Godby

L: Say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

**P: Risen Lord, we have not seen you in the flesh; nevertheless, we know you live, and we believe in you!**

L: Take refuge in the LORD; rejoice in His presence! Give glory to Jesus Christ, whom you have come to love!

**P: Give us your Spirit to refine our faith; teach us, O Christ, that our faith may prove true.**

L: Thus says the LORD: "As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight."

**P: All praise and glory and honor to Jesus Christ, both now, here among us, and at His final coming.**

## Prayer of Invocation Reese Godby

\* **Hymn of Praise # 368** *"He Lives"*

\* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* Reese Godby

Blessed and beloved God, we confess that we have not always been as free or thorough in forgiving others as we would have them be in forgiving us, yet, with your help, we would surrender any remaining grudges or vestiges of resentment at this time. We see everyday corruption in this world, as the power of death works on our mortal bodies, and we would know the good health that enjoys a clear conscience and exults in the freedom that is born of the sure hope of salvation. Forgive us, O Lord, of all our sins, our idolatrous acts and thoughtless oaths, and especially our slowness to believe and our slowness to forgive. As you did not allow your faithful Son Jesus Christ to remain in the tomb, so usher us from death to life, from sin to faith, from dark despair to radiant joy, that we might delight in your presence forevermore. **Amen.**

\* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

\* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. **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** Jane Wilcox

\* **Hymn of Preparation # 353** *"Victory in Jesus" (Optional last refrain setting)*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *"Grace Alone"* *arr. Mark Hayes*

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

**Prayer of Dedication** Reese Godby

**Choral Anthem** *"God So Loved the World"* *John Stainer*

**Prayer of Illumination** Pastor John Erthein

**Scripture Reading** **1 Peter 1:3-9** *(Pew Bible Page 222 NT)*  
**John 20:19-31** *(Pew Bible Page 111 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *"Carrying the Wounds"* Pastor John Erthein

**Reception of Confirmands into Membership** *(See insert)*  
*Keller Adams, Coker Glover, Anna Griffin, Katie Griffin, Henry Lee*

\* **Hymn of Commitment # 358** *"Because He Lives"*

**Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude** *"Revive Us Again"* *John Husband*

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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