

“In the Name of the Lord” arr. Mary McDonald

Crowds have lined the narrow street to see this man from Galilee; just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray, yet many kneel to give him praise. And in his eyes they glimpse the power that sees the heart of all men, and he knows the Father’s mind, he speaks the Father’s words, for he comes in the Name of the Lord. There is strength in the Name of the Lord, there is power in the Name of the Lord, there is hope in the Name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! When my plans have fallen through and when my strength is nearly gone; when there’s nothing left to do but just depend on you, and the power of your Name. And when we call upon your Name, your strength through weakness to show, we can know the Master’s plan, extend the Master’s Hand when we come in the Name of the Lord. There is strength in the Name of the Lord, there is power in the Name of the Lord, there is hope in the Name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. His Name will be worshipped forever: Creator, Redeemer, and King! There is strength in the Name of the Lord, there is power in the Name of the Lord, there is hope in the Name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord, the Name of the Lord!

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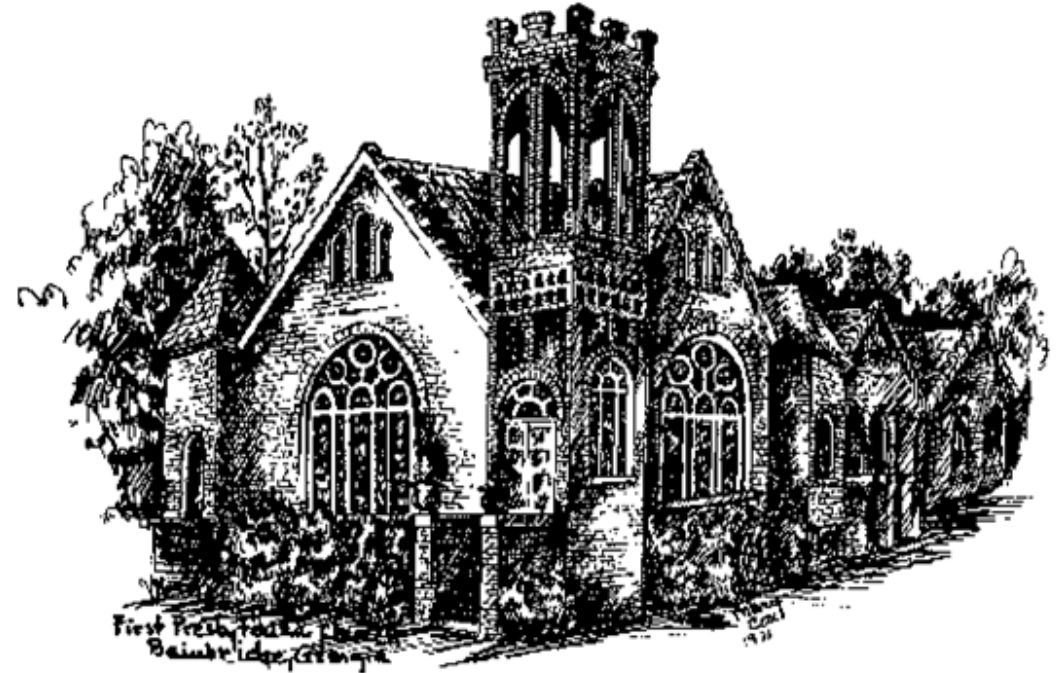
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Palm/Passion Sunday



First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

April 2, 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.

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Bill Allen (229) 416-5262 ~ April 3-9, 2023

Liturgist ~ Jason Lee

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *"In the Presence of Jehovah"* arr. Marty Parks

Vito Bell ~ Trumpet

Choral Introit *"A Palm Sunday Jubilation"* arr. Jon Paige

Call to Worship Jason Lee

L: With the tongue of a teacher and the ear of a listener, he came in obedience and did not turn back.

P: He turned his cheek to those who struck him, and offered his back to the scourge.

L: He set his face and was not rebellious; none could find any fault with him.

P: Let us seek him, whose vindication has come: Jesus the Christ, the exalted One.

Prayer of Invocation Jason Lee

* **Hymn of Praise # 297** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

* **Litany of Confession** Jason Lee

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress, **my eyes waste away from grief, my soul and body also.** For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; **my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.** I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, **an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.** I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; **I have become like a broken vessel.** For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! - as they scheme together against me, **as they plot to take my life.** But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, **"You are my God."** My time is in your hand; **deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.** Let your face shine upon your servant; **save me in your steadfast love.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Truly, no accuser of Christ shall find any ground on which to stand. No one can stand against him who has taken his stand for us, for the very sinners whom he came to redeem. Friends, hear the good news: It is the Lord God who helps us; who then will declare us guilty? Know that in Jesus Christ 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 of Preparation # 300/301** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" and "We Will Glorify"*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"We Shall Behold Him"* Dottie Rambo

Vito Bell ~ Trumpet

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

Prayer of Dedication Jason Lee

Choral Anthem *"In the Name of the Lord"* arr. Mary McDonald

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **Matthew 21:1-11** *(Pew Bible Page 26 NT)*

Matthew 27:11-54 *(Pew Bible Pages 34-36 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Embracing the Darkness"* 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 # 306** *"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *"Lamb of God"* Twila Paris

Jeremy Perkins ~ Trumpet

**Those who are able please stand.*

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