

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia” Mark Shepperd

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious Head! Sing His praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore Him as His light once more appears. Bowing down in joy before Him, rising up from griefs and tears. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious Head! Sing His praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Death and hell before Him bending, see Him rise, the Victor now. Angels on His steps attending, glory round His wounded brow. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious Head! Sing His praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

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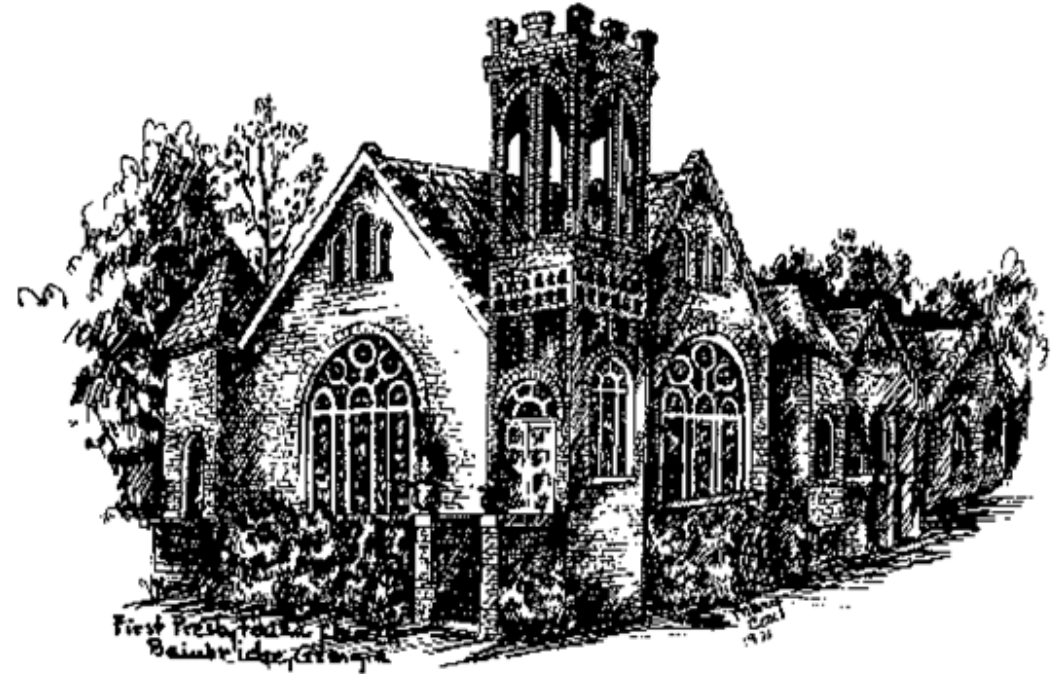
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
April 23, 2023**

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Virginia Smith (229) 248-1741 ~ April 24-30, 2023

Liturgist ~ Melissa Parker

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Yours Is the Kingdom" *Cindy Berry*

Choral Introit "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia" *Mark Shepperd*

Call to Worship Melissa Parker

L: Set your faith and hope on God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead!

P: Though we live as exiles, we praise our God who leads us home.

L: In light of baptism and faith in the truth, love one another deeply from the heart.

P: Though we have been slaves to sin, we worship Jesus Christ who has set us free to love.

L: Truly, you have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed.

P: Though we have been fearful and powerless, we follow the Spirit who gives faith and power to display God's reign upon the earth. Let us worship our triune God.

Prayer of Invocation Melissa Parker

* **Hymn of Praise # 450** "Lift High the Cross"

* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* Melissa Parker

Holy Spirit of the Living God, we live among a corrupt generation. We cannot claim to be above it all, untouched by temptation and sin. For we too once rejected the crucified Christ, disobeyed his teaching, and followed our own ways. Nevertheless, you offer us salvation by the death of your precious Son. Therefore, we turn to you and invoke his name, Jesus, for you and your Son are faithful, merciful, loving, and kind; and we, forswearing our past sins, would be holy, even as you are holy! **Amen.**

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Hear anew the gospel of salvation: you have been ransomed from futility with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or flaw. He was destined before the foundation of the world and revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. For He has loosed our bonds and set us free for eternal life and everlasting love. **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 # 361** "Worship Christ, the Risen King"
(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 "On Eagles' Wings" with "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. Carol Tornquist*

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

Prayer of Dedication Melissa Parker

Solo "Alleluja" from "Exsultate, jubilate" *W. A. Mozart*
Anne Elise Teeling ~ Soprano
Dylan Glenn ~ Piano

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **1 Peter 1:17-23** *(Pew Bible Page 222 NT)*
Luke 24:13-25 *(Pew Bible Page 87 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "When Is Jesus Nearby?" 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 # 564** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *Graham Kendrick*

**Those who are able please stand.*

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