

**“Oh, How He Loves You and Me” (with “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”) arr. John Purifoy**

*Oh, how He loves you and me! Oh, how He loves you and me! He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you! Oh, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me! Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show. What He did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you! Oh, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me! Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Oh, how He loves you! Oh, how He loves me! Oh, how He loves you and me!*

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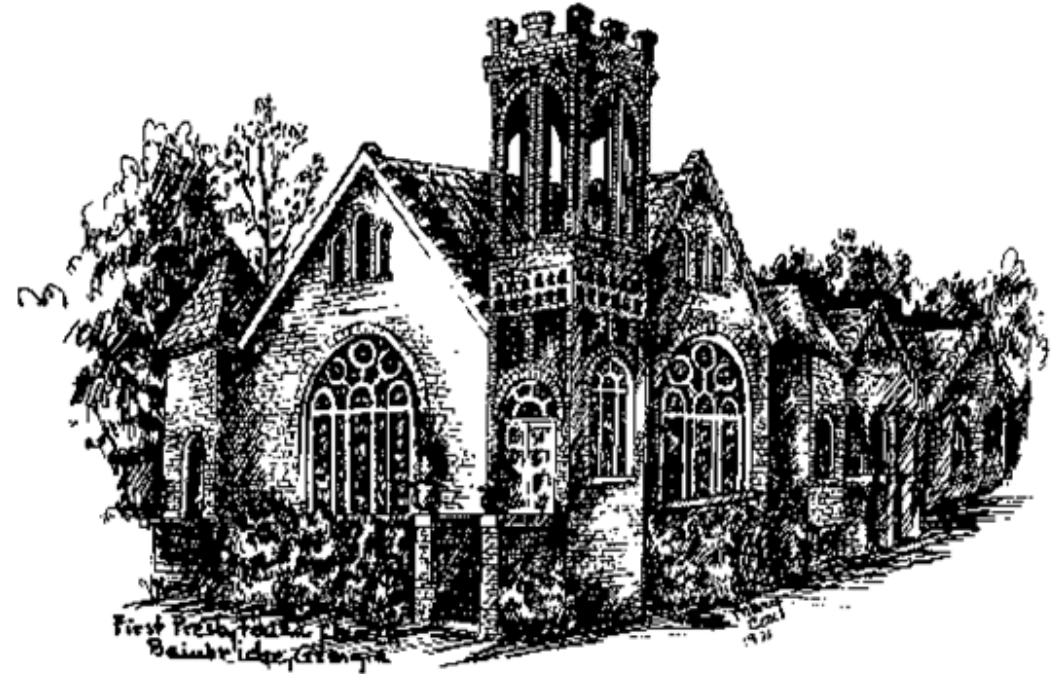
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Bainbridge, Georgia  
Service 10:30 a.m.  
April 30, 2023**

*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.*

# 4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Elder on Call ~ David Wiggins (229) 515-0136 ~ May 1-7, 2023

Liturgist ~ Tom Griffin

## Striking of the Hour

## Greetings and Announcements

**Prelude** "Lead Me, Lord" with "He Leadeth Me" *S. Wesley and W. Bradbury*

**Choral Introit** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *Henry Baker*

## Call to Worship Tom Griffin

L: Trust in the LORD. Listen for God. Christ our Shepherd calls you by name.

**P: Let us follow the voice of our guiding God, and hold fast to God's righteous way.**

L: Praise the LORD! Give thanks to God!

**P: Let us give thanks for salvation with generous hearts, and enjoy the fellowship of the family of God.**

L: Love the LORD! Draw near to God! For Jesus has offered Himself up for you.

**P: Let us persevere in faith through this world of darkness, and know the glad freedom of the kingdom of God.**

## Prayer of Invocation Tom Griffin

\* **Hymn of Praise # 688** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* Tom Griffin

God of mercy, in your Son Jesus Christ you have provided not only the needed atonement for sin, but also the marvelous prototype for life in your new creation; for when Jesus was abused, He did not return abuse, and when He suffered, He did not threaten. We confess we have not behaved with such grace, but by our stubbornness we have compounded suffering. Forgive us, heal us, and change our hearts, that we might share in the good work of shepherding the lost into the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

\* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 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 # 680** "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** "The Power of Your Love" with "My Savior's Love" *Geoff Bullock*

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

**Prayer of Dedication** Tom Griffin

**Choral Anthem** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" (with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul") *arr. John Purifoy*

**Prayer of Illumination** Pastor John Erthein

**Scripture Reading** **1 Peter 2:19-25** *(Pew Bible Page 223 NT)*  
**John 10:1-10** *(Pew Bible Page 100 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Being a True Shepherd" 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 # 676** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

## Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" *James M. Black*

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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