

“Sound the Full Chorus” George F. Handel/arr. Hal Hopson

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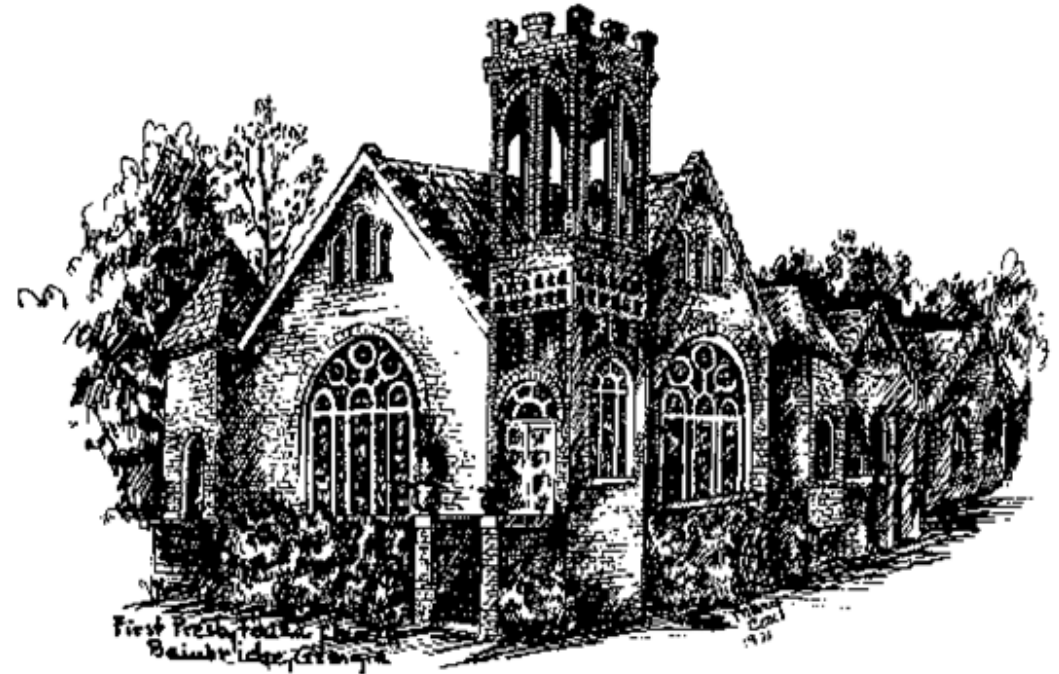
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Mother’s Day



**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
May 14, 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.

6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

May 14, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Mike Holt (404) 218-0297 ~ May 15-21, 2023

Liturgist ~ Gerard Kwilecki

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Draw Me Close" Kelly Carpenter

Choral Introit "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship Gerard Kwilecki

L: Christ has suffered once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

P: In our hearts, therefore, let us sanctify Jesus Christ as Lord, who has saved us and delivered us through the waters of baptism.

L: Do not be afraid, for we shall never be orphaned. The Holy Spirit of truth and love is with us!

P: Let us tell what the Lord has done for us. We are, in Christ, not driven by the flesh, but alive in the Spirit.

L: Cry aloud to God, that He may be extolled.

P: Let us declare the hope that is in us, for we live and move and have our being in God!

Prayer of Invocation Gerard Kwilecki

* **Hymn of Praise # 793** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Gerard Kwilecki

O God our Creator, Lord of heaven and earth, you have commanded all people everywhere to repent, and you have fixed a day on which our Lord Jesus Christ will judge the world in righteousness. Yet, we are far from able to pass the test, except by means of your gracious mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we appeal to you, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ: free us from all sin; grant each of us a clear conscience; raise your people into new life wherein your Holy Spirit empowers our good conduct and the exhibition of your reign among us.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

Blessed be God, for He has not rejected our prayer or removed His steadfast love from us. But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of our prayer and given assurance to all by raising from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Because I live, you also will live. Therefore, do not be afraid. Know that, in Jesus Christ, we 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 # 451** "A Christian Home"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "He Hideth My Soul" arr. Jonathan Lee

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

Prayer of Dedication Gerard Kwilecki

Choral Anthem "Sound the Full Chorus" George F. Handel / arr. Hal Hopson

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **1 Peter 3:13-22** (Pew Bible Page 224 NT)
John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible Page 105 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Conscience from God" 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 # 453** "Happy Our Home When God Is There"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "There Is a Redeemer" Melody Green

**Those who are able please stand.*

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