

“Thankful” Sager, Foster, and Page

Somedays, we forget to look around us; someday, we can't see the joy that surrounds us. So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give. So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And on this day, we hope for what we still can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though we all can still do more, there's so much to be thankful for. Look beyond ourselves: there's so much sorrow. It's way too late to say I'll cry tomorrow. Each of us must find our truth; it's so long overdue. So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And every day, we hope for what we still can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though we all can still do more, there's so much to be thankful for. Even with our differences, there is a place we're all connected; each of us can find each other's light. So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And on this day, we hope for what we still can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though this world needs so much more, there's so much to be thankful for.

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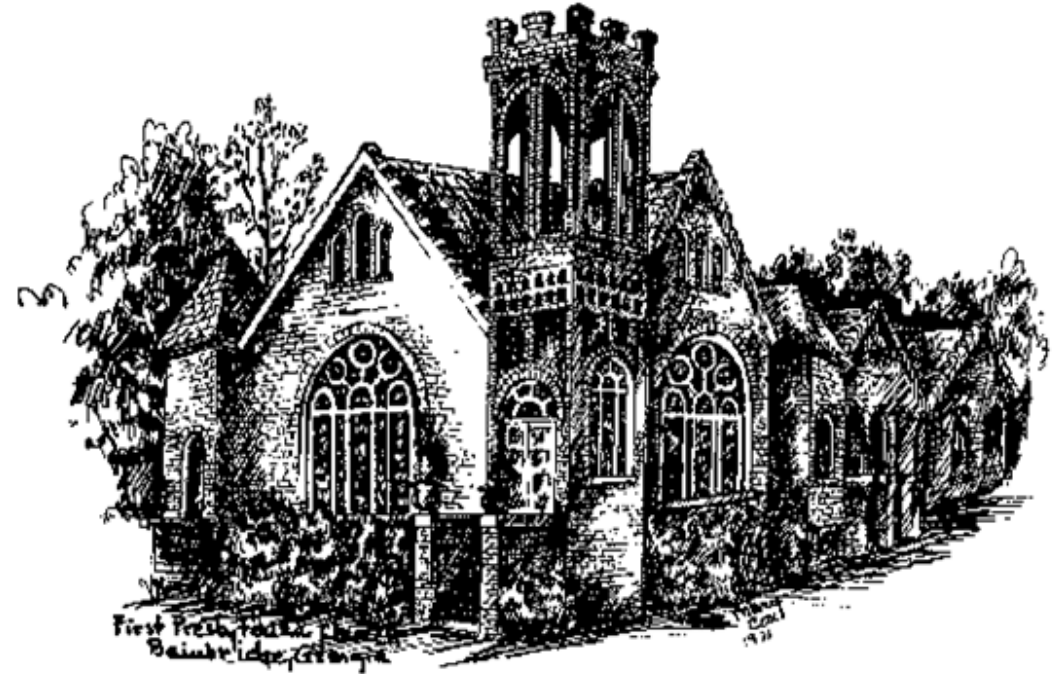
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
May 28, 2023**

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.

Day of Pentecost/Memorial Day

May 28, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Bob Glover (229) 220-3679 ~ May 29-June 4, 2023

Liturgist ~ Thad Pettyjohn

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Near to the Heart of God" Cleland McAfee

Choral Introit "America, the Beautiful" Katharine Lee Bates

Call to Worship Thad Pettyjohn

L: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

P: we dwell in Him and He in us.

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name;

P: make known His deeds among the peoples.

L: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him,

P: and speak of all His marvelous works.

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

P: who was, and is, and is to come!

Prayer of Invocation Thad Pettyjohn

* **Hymn of Praise # 809** "God of Our Fathers"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Thad Pettyjohn

Gracious God, we confess that we allow our different gifts to divide rather than unite us. We are slow to discern your marvelous presence in one another and are quick to feel hurt when our gifts are not affirmed. Forgive us, O Lord, in your mercy. Set us free from selfishness and make us one in the body of Christ.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** Pastor John Erthein

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

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 # 383** "Fill Me Now"
(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 "The Wayfaring Stranger" Old Southern melody

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

Prayer of Dedication Thad Pettyjohn

Solo "Thankful" Sager, Foster, and Page

Mary Botter ~ mezzo-soprano

Dylan Glenn ~ piano

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible Pages 113 & 114 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Repairing the Breach" 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 # 393** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Take Me to the Water" Traditional spiritual

*Those who are able please stand.

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