

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” Geoffrey O’Hara

I walked today where Jesus walked in days of long ago; I wandered down each path He knew with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed. A sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked and felt His presence there. My pathway led through Bethlehem. Ah, memories ever sweet! The little hills of Galilee that knew those childish feet. The Mount of Olives: hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before. I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore. I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed: the Garden of Gethsemane. My heart felt unafraid! I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side, I climbed the Hill of Calvary where on the Cross He died! I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me!

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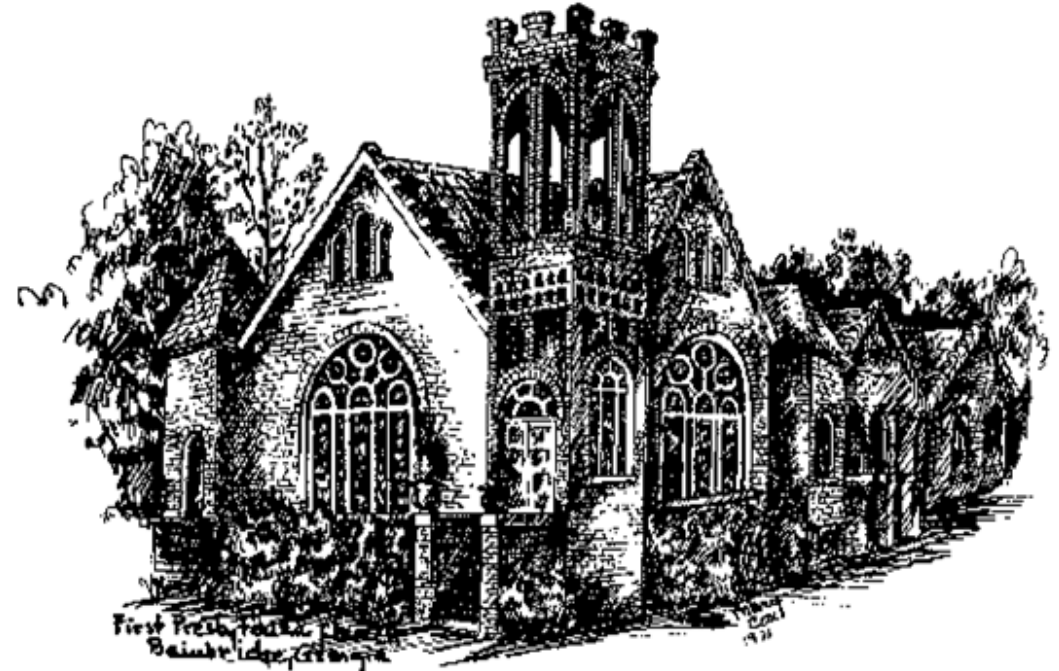
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

May 7, 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.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Mills Brock (229) 416-6136 ~ May 8-14, 2023

Liturgist ~ Dr. Joan Beers

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude “I Lift Up My Eyes” with “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit “Rise Up, O Church of God” arr. Joseph Barlowe

Call to Worship Dr. Joan Beers

L: Come to Christ, the living stone, rejected by mortals, but chosen and precious in God’s sight!

P: We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ! Therefore, we will not be put to shame!

L: Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, for you are a royal priesthood!

P: We offer to God our praise and worship! We glorify the LORD by obedience and just living!

L: Come to Christ, a precious, living stone, for on this foundation you are a chosen race, a holy nation!

P: God has dealt with us mercifully and has called us out of the darkness into His marvelous light!

Prayer of Invocation Dr. Joan Beers

* Hymn of Praise # 3 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (Optional last stanza setting)

* Prayer of Confession Dr. Joan Beers

O God of our life, we cry to you for deliverance and forgiveness of our sins. Spirit of Truth, save us for the sake of your steadfast love; disabuse us of every lie and deception; protect us from all enemies that would lure us to destruction. O Christ, our Way, do not retain our sins of the past; guard us in the present; and lead us along your sure path into our blessed future with you, into the joyous place that you are preparing for your people. Amen.

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Dr. Ted Land

Friends in Christ, hear the good news: Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. For the One who stands at the right hand of God in glory – Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – hears our prayers for forgiveness, authorizes us to forgive others, and has become the very way for us to be reconciled to God. Furthermore, He has promised to return for us that we might be together with the triune God in eternity. Forgiveness serves the ultimate will and purpose of God; therefore, be assured that in Jesus Christ we are indeed forgiven. Amen.

* Gloria Patri # 813 “Glory Be to the Father”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Dr. Ted Land

* Hymn of Preparation # 401 “The Church’s One Foundation” (Optional last stanza setting)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “How Majestic Is Your Name” Michael W. Smith

Doxology # 815 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Joan Beers

Solo “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” Geoffrey O’Hara
Tara Davy ~ Soprano
Myra Williams ~ Piano

Prayer of Illumination Dr. Ted Land

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 (Pew Bibles Page 222 & 223 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “A Stone for Building and a Rock for Stumbling” Dr. Ted Land

* 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 # 403 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude “Great Is the Lord” arr. Mark Hayes

*Those who are able please stand.

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