

***“If with All Your Hearts” from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn***

*Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments; for your transgressions the Prophet Elijah hath sealed the Heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, Forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil. “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence! “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God. “Ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God!*

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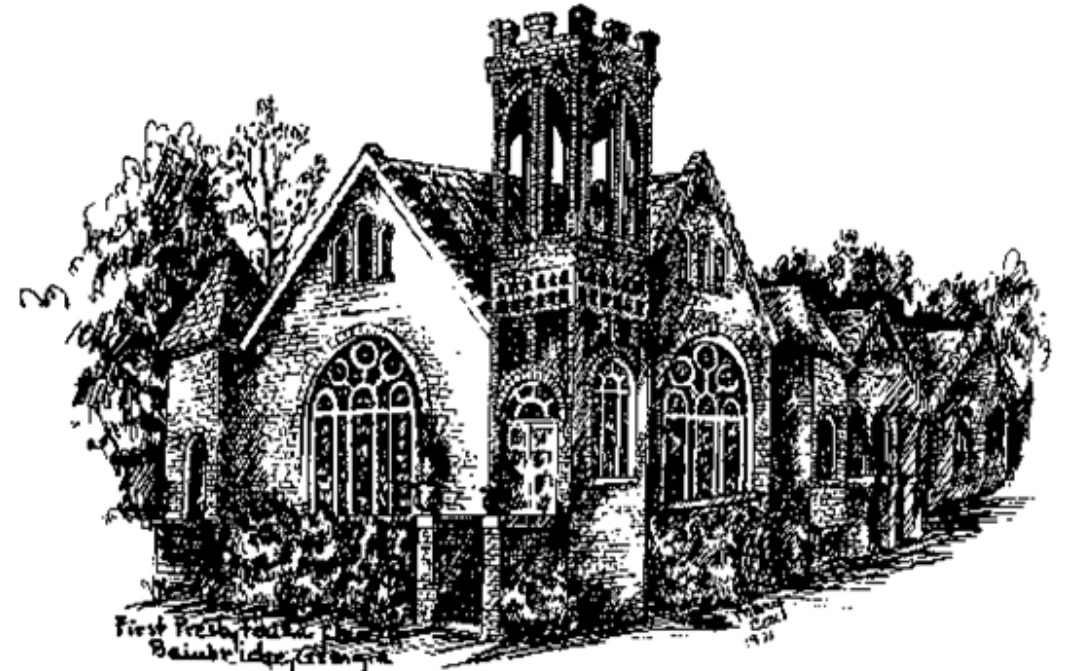
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Bainbridge, Georgia  
Service 10:30 a.m.  
July 16, 2023**

*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.*

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Elder on Call ~ David Wiggins (229) 515-0136 ~ July 17-23, 2023

Liturgist ~ Mike Holt

## Striking of the Hour

## Greetings and Announcements

### Prelude

*"Holy Is the Lord"*

*Franz Schubert*

### Call to Worship

**Mike Holt**

L: Come to God, who has raised Jesus from the dead. This same God gives life to your mortal bodies.

**P: Our Creator lives among us. The Holy Spirit dwells within us.**

L: The Word of God is your promised heritage. The light of Christ will show you the path to joy.

**P: The Spirit of God is the source of our life. Let us incline our hearts to our eternal God.**

L: Set your minds on the things of the Spirit. For to do so is to have life and peace.

**P: Accept our offering of praise, O LORD. Give us life according to your Word!**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Mike Holt**

- \* **Hymns of Praise # 21**      *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Optional last stanza setting)*  
# 416      *"We're Marching to Zion"*

### Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**Mike Holt**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us that we might rejoice in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

**Pastor John Erthein**

May Almighty God forgive you 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**

### Mission Moment

**Marlene Free**

- \* **Hymn of Preparation # 415**      *"We Are Called to Be God's People"*

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*"He Is Exalted"*

*Twila Paris*

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

### Prayer of Dedication

**Mike Holt**

### Solo

*"If with All Your Hearts" from Elijah*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Jake Armstrong ~ Tenor*

### Prayer of Illumination

**Pastor John Erthein**

### Scripture Reading

**Exodus 20:16**

*(Pew Bible Page 66 OT)*

**Matthew 19:18**

*(Pew Bible Page 25 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*"Let's Be Honest"*

**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 # 688**      *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

### Pastoral Benediction

### Postlude

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Ludwig van Beethoven*

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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