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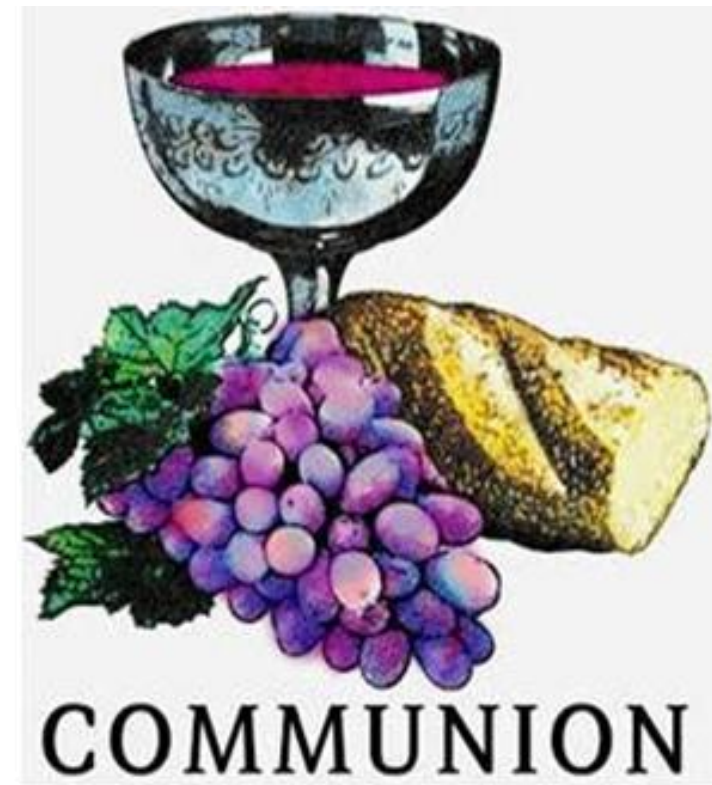
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SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

July 2, 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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Angie Davis (478) 335-8050 ~ July 3-9, 2023

Liturgist ~ Pastor John Erthein

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" John B. Dykes

Please rise for our National Anthem and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

* **Introit** "The Star-Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key
Dylan Glenn ~ Baritone

* **Pledge of Allegiance**

Call to Worship Pastor John Erthein

L: The LORD provides for those who keep faith. Trust in God's mercy, for the costliest gift is given to you.

P: God has dealt bountifully with us. The Son of God has been offered up for us.

L: Rejoice in your eternal salvation. Sing to the LORD with your whole heart!

P: The LORD gives light to our darkened eyes. God's free gift of grace is eternal life in Christ.

L: Lift your hearts in obedience to God. Present yourselves humbly and receive your sanctification.

P: Great indeed are the rewards of faith. Our joy is to know, to love, and to serve the living LORD.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor John Erthein

* **Hymn of Praise # 799** "America, the Beautiful" (Optional last stanza setting)

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor John Erthein

Living God, our mistakes tell the story of how the sin in our lives only leads to greater and greater strife and iniquity. Nothing we have done in impurity has ever worked to our advantage; nothing of which we are ashamed can ever testify on our behalf. Help us put all wickedness to death, that we might offer our bodies as instruments of righteousness. Forgive us for all our past failings; set us free to live under your grace; fill us with the Spirit of Christ; and set us on the true path to eternal life.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Pastor John Erthein

Thanks be to God that we, having once been slaves of sin, have been released from its grip; we are free to become bearers of righteousness, free to become fully obedient from the heart to God's government of grace, free to enjoy the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! From now on, present your bodies to the Lord as instruments of righteousness, and prepare to reap the good fruit of your sanctification.

* **Gloria Patri # 813** "Glory Be to the Father"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Pastor John Erthein

* **Hymn of Preparation # 807** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations" Jean Sibelius

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

Prayer of Dedication Pastor John Erthein

Duet "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Peter Wilhousky
Mary Botter ~ Mezzo-soprano Dylan Glenn ~ Baritone Shem Loh ~ Piano

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:14 (Pew Bible Page 66 OT)
Matthew 5:27-28 (Pew Bible Page 10 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Remaining Faithful" Pastor John Erthein

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

The Communion Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

(The Minister continues with prayer.)

The Distribution of the Elements

(Please eat the bread and drink the cup at the same time as the pastor.)

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

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" arr. Lloyd Larson
*Those who are able please stand.

NURSERY AVAILABLE – IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE USHERS.