

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Michael Burkhardt

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all! Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all! Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all! Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all! Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!

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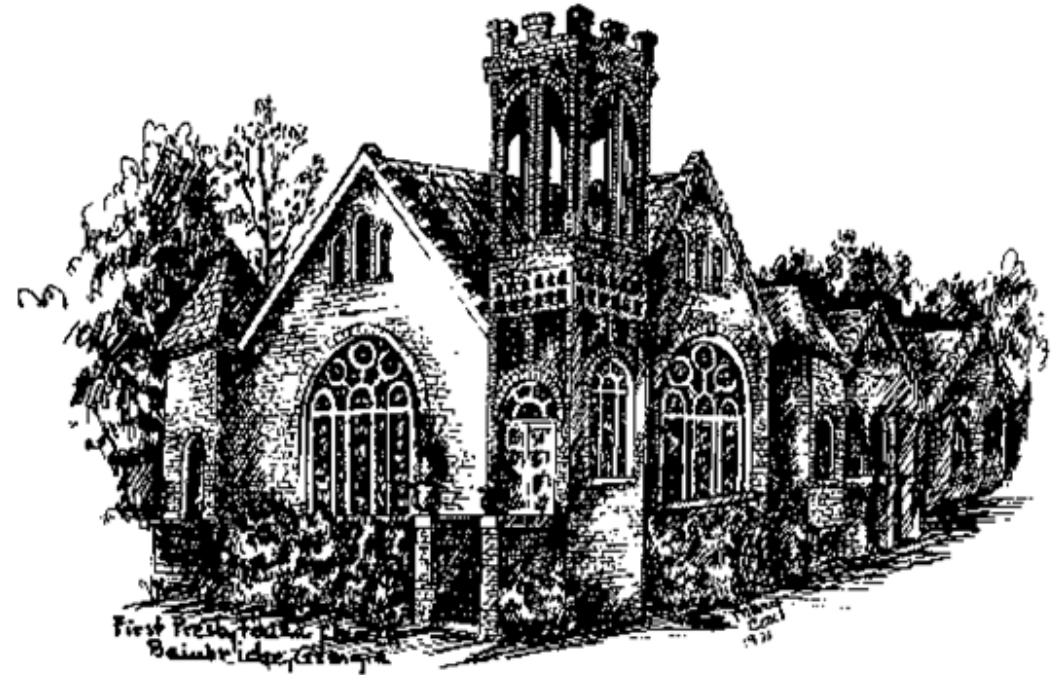
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
July 23, 2023**

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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Mills Brock (229) 416-6136 ~ July 24-30, 2023

Liturgist ~ Bud Holleman

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Draw Me Nearer" with "Close to Thee" *Willam Doane and Siles Vail*

Call to Worship Bud Holleman

L: Come to God, the giver of life, for the LORD knows you better than you know yourself.

P: We come to the One who knows us completely. May God lead us in the everlasting way.

L: The LORD'S hand is upon you, to guide and teach you, and to hold you fast!

P: We come to the One who is in all and through all. May the love of Christ Jesus shine brightly within us.

L: Hope in the LORD, O children of God, for the Holy Spirit testifies that we are joint heirs with Christ.

P: We hope in the Holy One, the giver of freedom, whose glory will redeem all of our sufferings.

Prayer of Invocation Bud Holleman

* **Hymns of Praise # 139** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Optional last refrain setting)
786 "Count Your Blessings"

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Bud Holleman

O God, we admit we are an impatient people, ever straining ahead in pursuit of fleeting rewards. Yet, at the first sign of adversity, we fall back into fear. Where our eager longing for your glory should govern us, we have allowed our sins to enslave us and our doubts to entrap us. Forgive us, O God. May your Holy Spirit search our hearts, dispel every evil thought, and awaken in us the hopeful expectation of new life in your new creation.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Pastor John Erthein

Friends, believe the good news and rejoice, for by the grace of Christ we are forgiven! Therefore, put things in order; live in agreement with one another; forgive one another and abide in peace; treat one another in a manner befitting the saints of God; and the God of love and peace be with you! **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 # 506** "I'd Rather Have Jesus"
(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 "Jesus, What a Friend" *arr. Jonathan W. Lee*

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

Prayer of Dedication Bud Holleman

Choral Anthem "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *Michael Burkhardt*

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20:17** *(Pew Bible Pages 66 OT)*
Ephesians 5:5 *(Pew Bible Pages 184 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Being Content" 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 # 581** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" with "We Declare Your Majesty" *arr. Kurt Kaiser*
and "Father, I Adore You"

**Those who are able please stand.*

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