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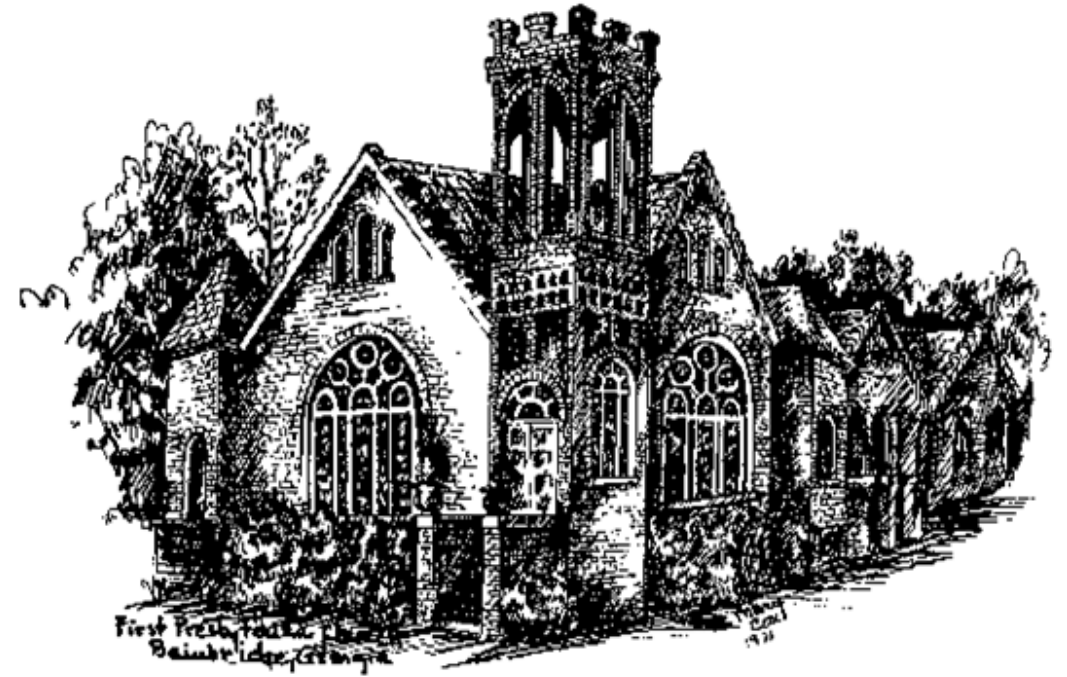
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

July 9, 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Virginia Smith (229) 248-1741 ~ July 10-16, 2023

Liturgist ~ Steve Poitevint

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship Steve Poitevint

L: Hear, O bride of Christ, consider and incline your ear. For Christ your King desires your beauty.

P: Since He is our Lord, let us bow to Him. With joy and gladness, let us enter the palace of the King.

L: In the place of ancestors you, O Lord, shall have many heirs; you will make them reign in all the earth.

P: May your name be celebrated in all generations. May the peoples praise you forever and ever!

Prayer of Invocation Steve Poitevint

* **Hymns of Praise # 56** *“To God Be the Glory” (Optional repeat refrain)*
747 *“Sunshine in My Soul”*

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Steve Poitevint

O God, our heavenly Father, you are holy and righteous, revealing your Son to children, to the humble, and the faithful. Yet, we confess, we are blinded by pride, worldly wisdom, and the presumption that we are in complete control; we see the same faults in others that we harbor in ourselves. Surely, nothing good resides in our flesh, for we find that when we desire to do what is right, we cannot do it, for sin soon gains the upper hand, and we fail to avail ourselves of your sovereign power and will. Forgive us, O God, and remove the yoke of sin from our shoulders. Place upon us your light yoke of peace, grace, and joy in Christ, knowing that you favor the lowly and give victory to those who confess their need of your Son, in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon Pastor John Erthein

Hear and rejoice in this good news: For though we all have sinned, labored, and languished in such a wretched state, we have a redeemer, Jesus Christ, who has rescued us from this body of death. Let us live no longer as slaves to sin, but as those who are chosen, beloved, and desired by God. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Amen!**

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

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

* **Hymn of Preparation # 410** *“Standing on the Promises”*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“It Is Well with My Soul”* arr. Jason Krug

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

Prayer of Dedication Steve Poitevint

Solo *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* arr. Mark Hayes
Jake Armstrong ~ Tenor

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John Erthein

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20:15** *(Pew Bible Page 66 OT)*
Leviticus 19:33-34 *(Pew Bible Page 105 OT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“What Belongs to You?”* 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 # 746** *“He Keeps Me Singing”*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”* Gloria and William Gaither

**Those who are able please stand.*

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