

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Hal Hopson**

The word “Ebenezer” means “stone of help” from 1 Samuel 7. After defeating the Philistines, Samuel raised his Ebenezer, declaring that on this spot GOD defeated the enemy. Thus, the words, “hither by Thy help I come.” Do you have “Ebenezers” in your life? Those moments that you know that without GOD, you would have fallen to the enemy? The enemy of lust, greed, bitterness, or jealousy? Of discouragement, loneliness, isolation, or depression? No enemy is greater than our GOD as proclaimed in the last verse of this great hymn: “O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee! Prone to wander, LORD, I feel it, prone to leave the GOD I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!”

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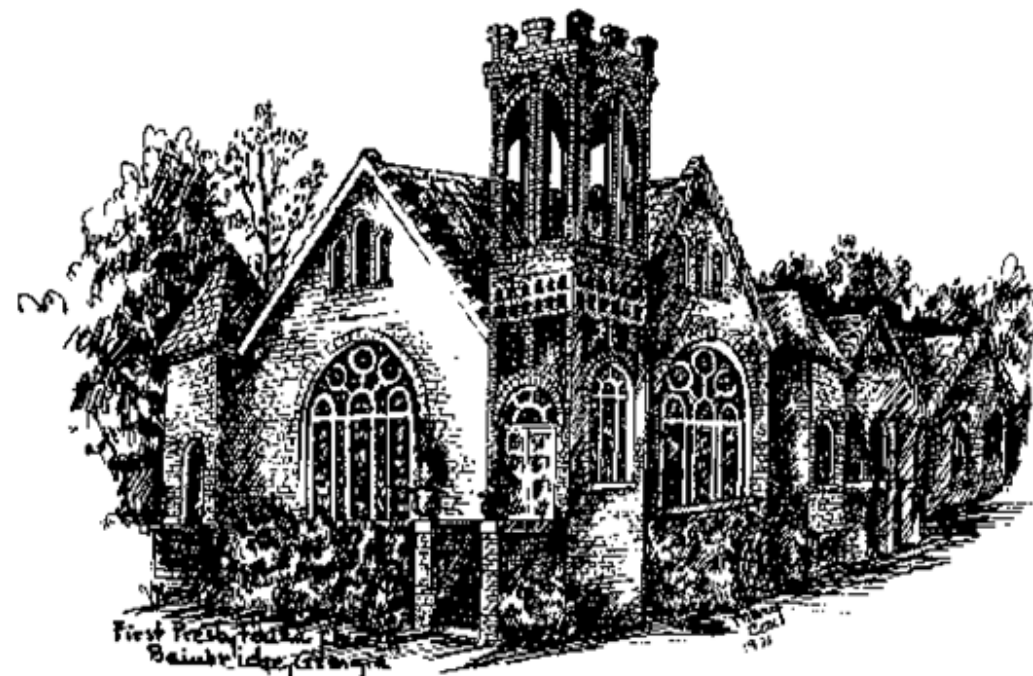
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Bainbridge, Georgia  
Service 10:30 a.m.  
August 20, 2023**

*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.*

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Steve Poitevint (229) 254-0770 ~ August 21-27, 2023

Liturgist ~ Larry Peiper

## Striking of the Hour

## Greetings and Announcements

**Prelude** "I Need Thee Every Hour" *arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

**Introit # 179** "Awesome God" (Congregation sings with the Choir) *Rich Mullins*

**Call to Worship** **Larry Peiper**

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**P: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

L: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**P: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**Prayer of Invocation** **Larry Peiper**

\* **Hymn of Praise # 90** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

\* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) **Larry Peiper**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

\* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

\* **Assurance of Pardon** **Dr. Jerry Little**

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Mission Moment** **Cullen Coker**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** **Dr. Jerry Little**

\* **Hymn of Hope & Assurance # 586** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Rowland Prichard and John Zundel*

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

**Prayer of Dedication** **Larry Peiper**

**Choral Anthem** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *arr. Hal Hopson*

**Scripture Reading** **Genesis 21:9-20** *(Pew Bible Pages 16 & 17 OT)*  
**Matthew 15:21-28** *(Pew Bible Page 21 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "When Crumbs Are More than Enough!" **Dr. Jerry Little**

\* **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 # 683** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

## Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?" *Martin Smith*

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

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*If there is a pastoral need, you may contact Dr. Jerry Little by phone @ 229-400-7958 or the church office.*