

***“How Firm a Foundation” arr. Mack Wilberg***

*How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled? In every condition, in sickness, in health, in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth, at home or abroad, on the land or the sea, as thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be. Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand! The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I cannot, desert to His foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never forsake! I'll never, no never, no never forsake! Amen!*

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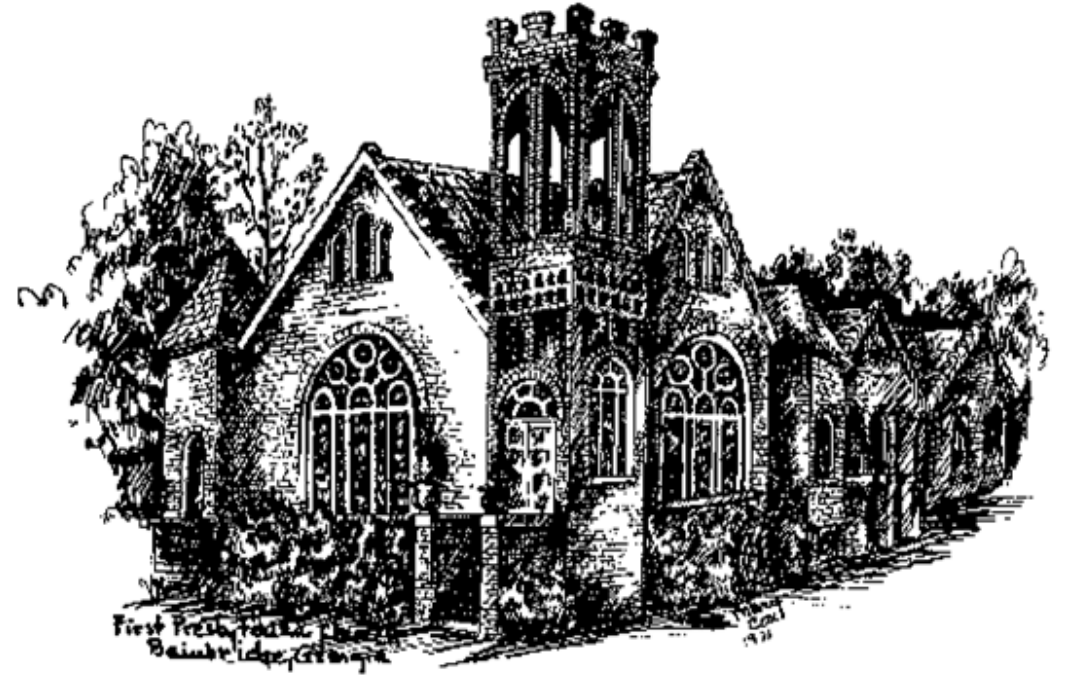
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**First Presbyterian Church  
Bainbridge, Georgia  
Service 10:30 a.m.  
August 27, 2023**

*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.*

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

August 27, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Peggy Shingler (404 966-9848) ~ August 28-September 3, 2023

Liturgist ~ Dr. Joan Beers

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Forever" Chris Tomlin

Choral Introit "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" from *The Seven Last Words of Christ* Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship Dr. Joan Beers

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Thank God! Pray to the Lord by name!**

L: Tell everyone you meet what God has done!

**P: Sing Him songs, belt out hymns, translate His wonders into music!**

L: Honor the Holy Name with hallelujahs, all you who seek God.

**P: Live a blessed life!**

L: Keep your eyes open for God, watch for God's works.

**P: Be alert for signs of the Holy Presence.**

L: Remember the world of wonders God has made and God's miracles.

**P: This is God, our God, who reigns in all the Earth.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation Dr. Joan Beers

\* Hymn of Praise (Insert) "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison) Dr. Joan Beers

O God of our present and future, you are coming to bring all people under your rule. We confess that if your kingdom were to break upon us, we would be unprepared. We live our lives casually, ignoring your promised reckoning. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us eyes to see your coming so that we might repent. Give us large hearts to welcome you. May we seek the right things, things that will endure when Christ Jesus comes to judge the world. For the sake of our coming Messiah, we pray.

\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon Rev. Hugh Ward

We know that God is not out to get us but to save us. Therefore, let us open our hearts and lives to God's presence and accept the gift of life eternal and declare: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Hugh Ward

\* Hymn for Mission # 1 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"  
(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 "In the Presence of Jehovah" arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Joan Beers

Choral Anthem "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Mack Wilberg

Scripture Reading Romans 16:1-16 (Pew Bible Pages 155 & 156 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Gratitude" Rev. Hugh Ward

\* 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 # 21 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Optional last stanza setting)

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.