

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Harry Rowe Shelley

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet, in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me. Thou spread’st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and Oh the transport of delight with which my cup o’erfloweth! And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever! Amen!

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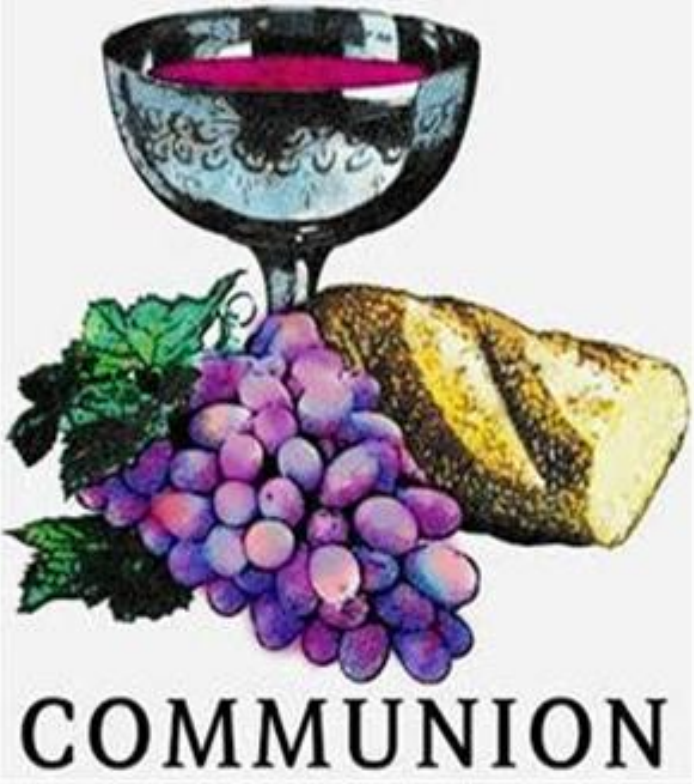
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
September 10, 2023**

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.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Elder on Call ~ David Bryan (229) 220-5205 ~ September 11-17, 2023

Liturgist ~ Sybil Lee

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude “Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him” traditional German melody

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

Call to Worship Sybil Lee

L: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

P: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

L: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

P: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

L: You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot be silent!

P: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.

Prayer of Invocation Sybil Lee

* Hymn of Praise # 45 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Optional last stanza setting)

* Prayer of Confession (Unison) Sybil Lee

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Dr. Jerry Little

Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, and you are my servant: O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Amen.

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

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Face to Face” Grant Colfax Tullar

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

Prayer of Dedication Sybil Lee

Choral Anthem “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Harry Rowe Shelley

Scripture Reading Mark 4:30-34 (Pew Bible Pages 40 & 41 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Church Birds” Dr. Jerry Little

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

* Hymn of Preparation # 349 “O How He Loves You and Me” (Optional choral ending)

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.)

Celebration of the Sacrament

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

* Hymn of Commitment # 624 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude “I Lift Up My Eyes” with “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Carol Tornquist

*Those who are able please stand.

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

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