

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” arr. Harriet Ziegenhals

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the Church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing for whom He won the fight: Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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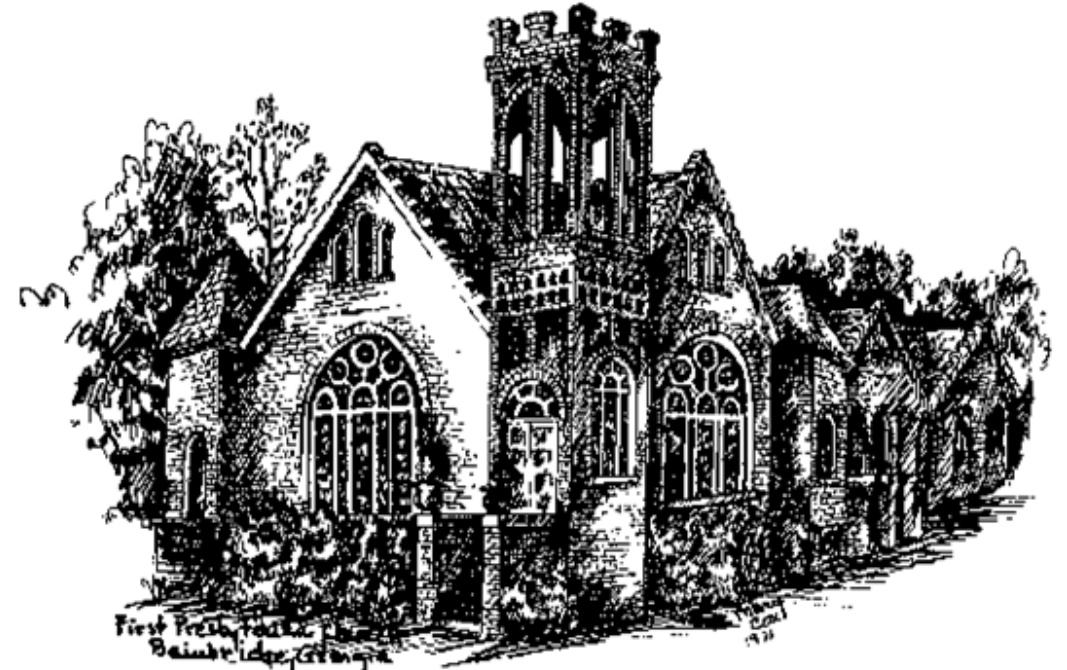
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
September 17, 2023**

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 after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Angie Davis (478) 335-8050 ~ September 18-24, 2023

Liturgist ~ Amanda Glover

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *arr. Olivia Cresswell*

Choral Introit "Hear the Glad Sound" *Stan Pethel*
Jeremy Perkins ~ trumpet

Call to Worship **Amanda Glover**

L: O God, who created us in love,

P: create us anew in love as we worship you.

L: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

P: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

L: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

P: move within us as we worship you. Amen

Prayer of Invocation **Amanda Glover**

* **Hymn of Praise # 196** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" (Optional last stanza setting)

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) **Amanda Glover**

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet, we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus's powerful name.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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

Mission Moment

Virginia Smith

Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Brooks Gilbert, son of Taylor and Jordan Gilbert

* **Hymn of Hope and Assurance # 185** "Jesus Loves Me"

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Amazing Grace" with "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" *arr. Carol Tornquist*

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

Prayer of Dedication **Amanda Glover**

Choral Anthem "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" *arr. Harriet Ziegenhals*
Vito Bell ~ trumpet Jeremy Perkins ~ flugelhorn

Scripture Reading **Matthew 21:28-32** (Pew Bible Pages 27 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Paper Performance" **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 # 344** "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Shall We Gather at the River" *Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. and Robert Lowry*

**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.