

“He Hideth My Soul” arr. Brad Nix

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand, and covers me there with His hand. With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, and filled with His fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine! When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky, His perfect salvation, His wonderful love I'll shout with the millions on high! He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand, and covers me there with His hand.

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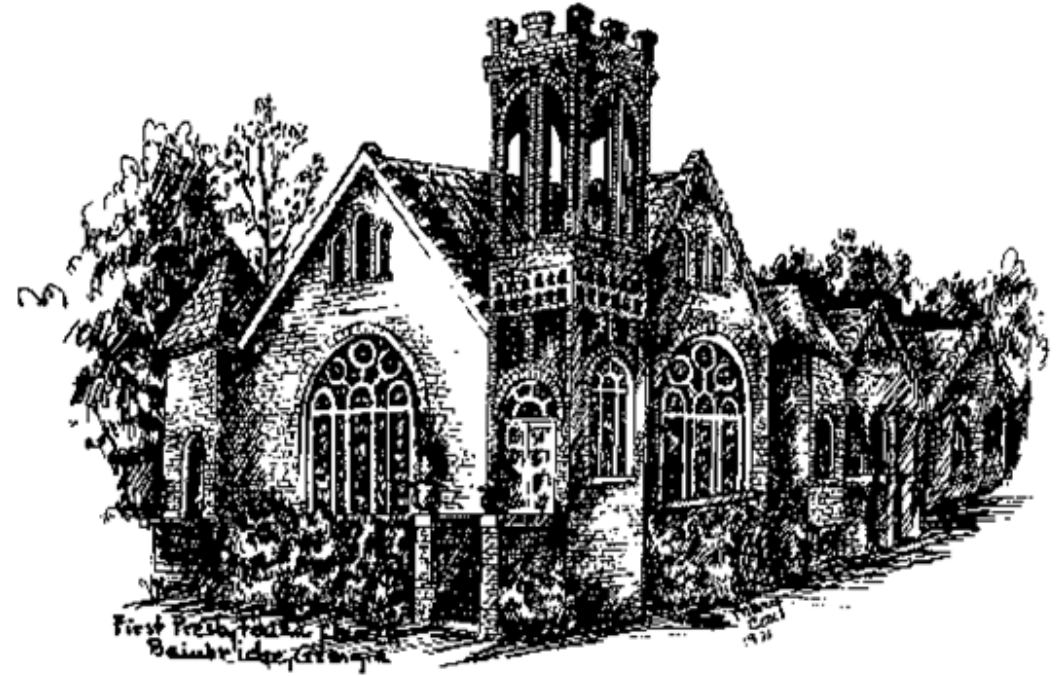
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
September 24, 2023**

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.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Virginia Smith (229) 248-1741 ~ September 25-October 1, 2023

Liturgist ~ John David Bell

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Holy Ground" Christopher Beatty

Choral Introit "Come, Let Us Sing!" Ruth Elaine Schram

Call to Worship John David Bell

L: We come to worship God in our need,

P: bringing with us the needs of the world.

L: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

P: and who knows by experience what human life is like.

L: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

P: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

L: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

P: and God has promised never to turn us away.

Prayer of Invocation John David Bell

* **Hymn of Praise # 33** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) John David Bell

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you: that God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Jerry Little

* **Hymn for Mission # 428** "In Christ There Is No East or West"
(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 "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein

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

Prayer of Dedication John David Bell

Choral Anthem "He Hideth My Soul" arr. Brad Nix

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible Pages 31 & 32 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Am I a Good Investment for God?" 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 # 433** "Rise Up, O Church of God" (Optional last stanza setting)

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick

*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.