

**“Come and Worship” arr. Patti Drennan**

This festive arrangement beautifully pairs the tunes **MADRID** with **HOLY MANNA** and the texts of “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” with “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” enhanced by a joyful piano and trumpet accompaniment.

*“O come, worship Christ and sing! Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ, our King! Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice! Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen! Christians, will you join in worship and adore the Lord our God? Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around. Come and love our God supremely, come and love each other, too. Come to sing and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. He is our Guide and Friend; to us He’ll condescend. His love will never end! Alleluia! Amen!”*

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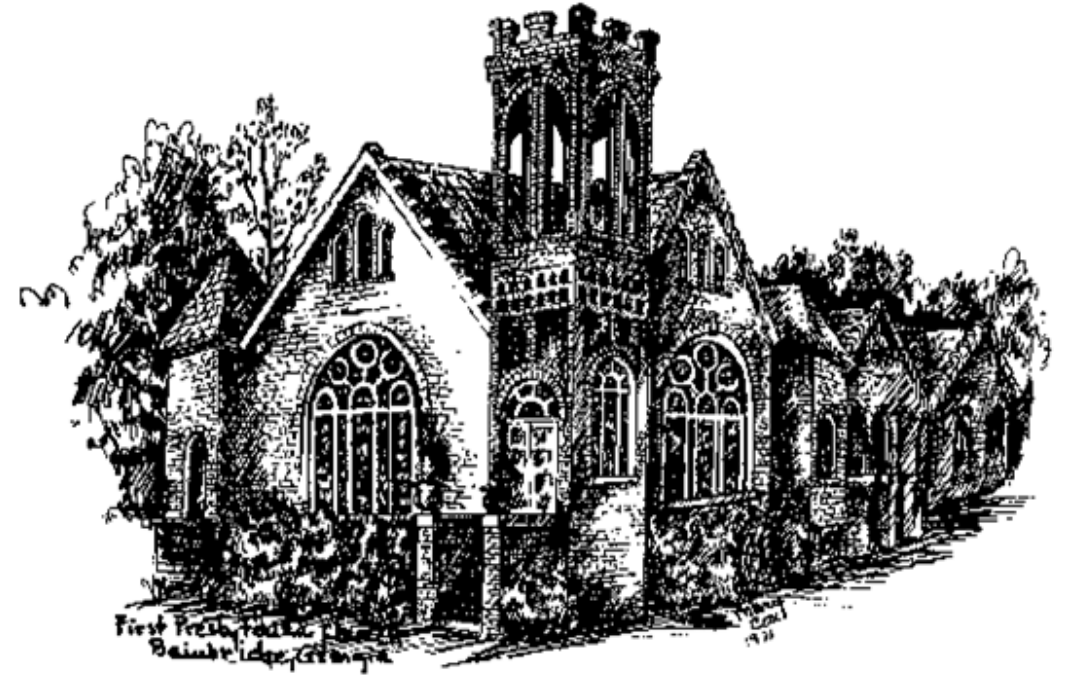
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Bainbridge, Georgia**  
**Service 10:30 a.m.**  
**September 3, 2023**

*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.*

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

September 3, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Bill Allen (229) 416-5262 ~ September 4-10, 2023

Liturgist ~ Sheri Allen

## Striking of the Hour

## Greetings and Announcements

**Prelude** "Good, Good Father" Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

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

**Call to Worship** Sheri Allen

L: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name.

**P: Make known His deeds among the people.**

L: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him.

**P: Tell of all His wonderful works.**

L: This is the day the Lord hath made.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Prayer of Invocation** Sheri Allen

\* **Hymn of Praise # 3** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (Optional last stanza setting)

\* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Sheri Allen

Gracious God, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sin. We see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have done wrong and left the right undone. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than newly fallen snow. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

\* **Assurance of Pardon** Dr. Sid Leak

Know that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us, but entrusting us the message of reconciliation. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** Dr. Sid Leak

\* **Hymn of Hope and Assurance # 730** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** "How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. Tom Fetteke

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

**Prayer of Dedication** Sheri Allen

**Choral Anthem** "Come and Worship" arr. Patti Drennan  
Jeremy Perkins ~ trumpet

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 16:21-28** (Pew Bible Pages 22 & 23 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "How Come I Always Get Caught in the Middle?" Dr. Sid Leak

\* **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 # 731** "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

## Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "O, How I Love Jesus" arr. Joel Raney

\*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.