

***“Eternal Life” Olive Dungan / arr. William Stickles***

Olive Dungan’s “*Eternal Life*” is a beautiful expression of the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226).

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!*

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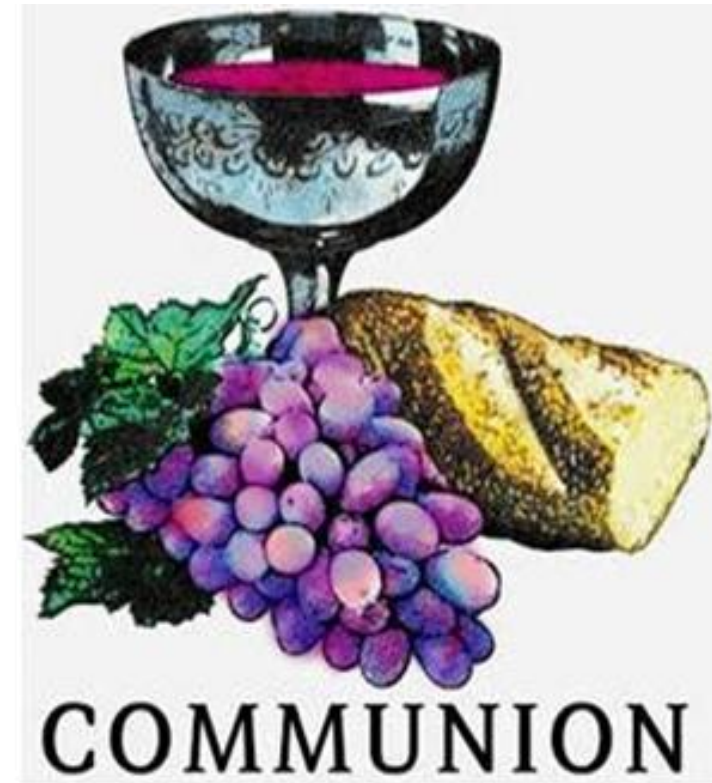
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# WORLD



# SUNDAY

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Bainbridge, Georgia**

**Service 10:30 a.m.**

**October 1, 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.*

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Elder on Call ~ David Wiggins (229) 515-0136 ~ October 2-8, 2023

Liturgist ~ Susan Shiver

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude “God Will Make a Way” Don Moen

Choral Introit “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” Erik Routley

Call to Worship Susan Shiver

L: The God of Glory awaits,  
P: welcoming us to worship and praise.  
L: The Christ of humility is here,  
P: welcoming our needs and prayers.  
L: The Spirit of love gathers us in,  
P: binding us together as one.

Prayer of Invocation Susan Shiver

\* Hymn of Praise # 648 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Optional last stanza setting)

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison) Susan Shiver  
Prince of Peace, speak mercy amidst our quarrels and dissensions. Shower us with your love, that we may remember to love others as fully as you love us. Bind us together with your Spirit, that we might live as one people, and people of one mind, one love, and one all-embracing compassion for all.

\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon Rev. Stephen Webb  
Christ is at work within you, filling you with mercy and grace. Christ enables you to work for God’s good pleasure.

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Stephen Webb

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” with “In Christ Alone” arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Prayer of Dedication Susan Shiver

Choral Anthem “Eternal Life” Olive Dungan / arr. William Stickles

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible Pages 187 & 188 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Follow the Mercy” Rev. Stephen Webb

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
L: This is the table of unity and love.  
P: This is the table of mercy and grace.  
L: All are welcome; be of one mind and one heart.  
P: We come with joy, with the mind of love.  
L: And all are welcome here; come, all things are ready.

Words of Institution

\* Hymn of Preparation # 303 “Worthy Is the Lamb” (Sing twice)

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 Minister.)

\* Hymn of Commitment # 560 “More About Jesus”

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude “I’ve Just Come from the Fountain” arr. Jason Krug

\*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 Rev. Stephen Webb by phone @ 229-220-5591 or the church office.