

“There Is a Savior” arr. Mary McDonald

*There is a Savior, what joys express; His eyes are mercy, His word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights our way. Are there burdens in your heart? Is your past a memory that binds you? Is there some pain that you’ve carried far too long? Then strengthen your heart with good news: there is a Savior, and He’s forgiven you! There is a Savior, what joys express; His eyes are mercy, His word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights our way. **How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be. How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!** There is a Savior, what joys express; His eyes are mercy, His word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights my way!*

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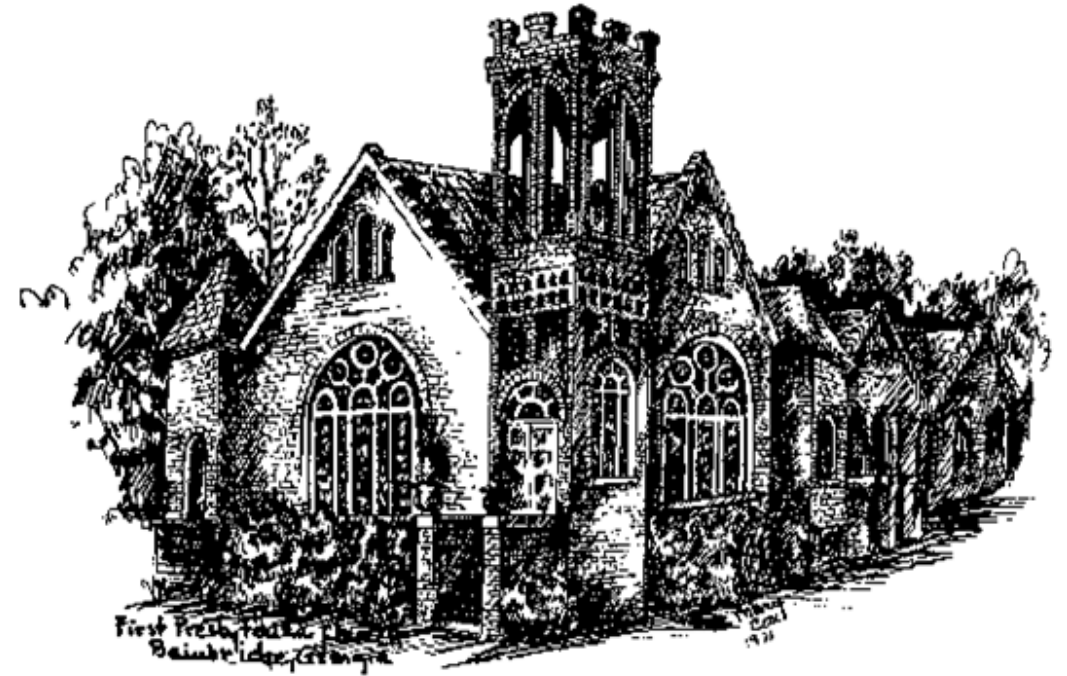
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First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

October 29, 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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Bob Glover (229) 220-3679 ~ October 30-November 5, 2023

Liturgist ~ Thad Pettyjohn

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude “I Love You, Lord” Laurie Klein

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

Call to Worship Thad Pettyjohn

L: God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth,

L: Before the earth and sky were formed,

P: God is from everlasting to everlasting.

L: We come to worship this day,

P: That God may gather us in.

L: We will be close to God’s heart,

P: And we will dwell in God’s grace.

L: We will love God fully,

P: And we will love one another as well.

Prayer of Invocation Thad Pettyjohn

* Hymn of Praise # 151 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Optional last stanza setting)

* Prayer of Confession (Unison) Thad Pettyjohn

God of mercy, we hear your command to love one another. These words are easy to say, yet so difficult to do. If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes dedication and work. Even when we think we are following you, God, it is easy to get distracted, overwhelmed, turned around, even lost. We turn to the loud praise of the world, rather than the quiet whisper of your blessing. We do the simple, the least resistant, and leave the difficulty behind. Turn us around, God. Turn us back to you when we have wandered, when we have suffered, or when we bring suffering on others. Show us once again what love looks like and send us into this community to try again. Amen.

* Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Rev. Stephen Webb

When we lose our way, when we are confused and confounded, God waits with compassion to turn us back to love, to grace, to God’s own face. Even before we ask for mercy, God has already forgiven us. God sweeps away our mistakes and misdeeds and calls us home. Amen.

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

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

* Hymn of Hope and Assurance # 344 “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “He Has Made Me Glad” Leona von Brethorst

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

Prayer of Dedication Thad Pettyjohn

Choral Anthem “There Is a Savior” arr. Mary McDonald

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-8 (Pew Bible Page 147 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Access to Grace” Rev. Stephen Webb

* 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 # 343 “Amazing Grace” (Optional last stanza setting)

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” William Moore and Marty Hennis
“We Have Come to Worship Jesus”

*Those who are able please stand.

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

If there is a pastoral need, you may contact Rev. Stephen Webb by phone @ 229-220-5591 or the church office.