

“Shall We Gather at the River?” arr. John Carter

*Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. **Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.** Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God!*

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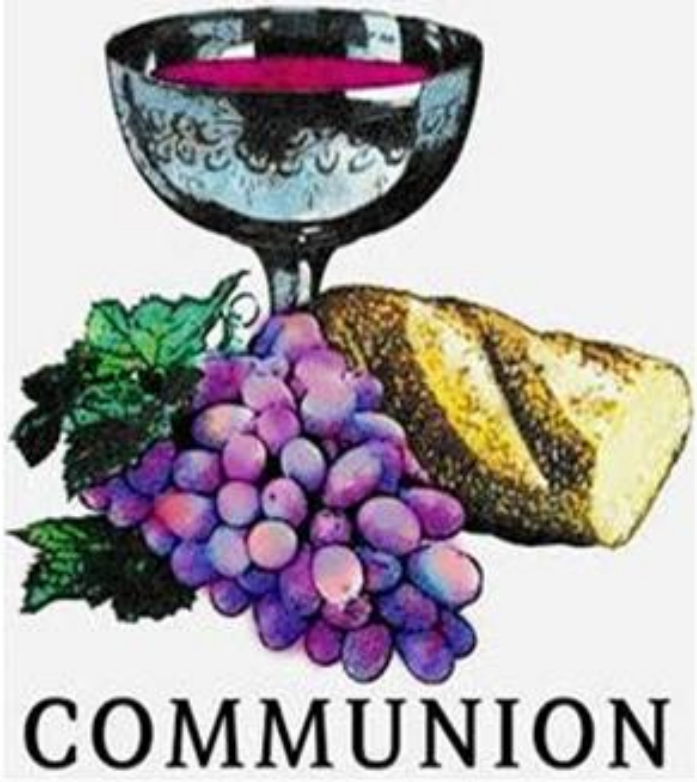
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SUNDAY

**All Saints' Day Remembrance
First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
November 5, 2023**

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. 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.

<div> <div>All Saints’ Day</div> <div>November 5, 2023</div> <div>Elder on Call ~ Steve Poitevint (229) 254-0770 ~ November 6-12, 2023</div> <div>Liturgist ~ Sybil Lee</div> </div>		
Striking of the Hour		
Greetings and Announcements		
Prelude	“The Love of God”	Chris Tomlin
Choral Introit	“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” (from Southern Harmony, 1854)	arr. Neil Harmon
Call to Worship		Sybil Lee
L: Bless the Lord at all times. P: Praise God’s holy name. L: Magnify the Lord with hearts full of devotion. P: Sing of God’s glory with tongues full of song. L: Seek the Lord of love. P: We will worship the living God.		
Prayer of Invocation		Sybil Lee
* Hymn of Praise # 767	“For All the Saints”	
* Prayer of Confession	(Unison)	Sybil Lee
Lord, we yearn to be counted among the saints of old, but the journey is long and difficult. We long to love others as we should, even when they revile against us. We seek to forgive those who wrong us, even when it means swallowing our pride. We strive for openness of spirit to pray for those who persecute us, even when we want to hold on to our wounds. Guide us on this journey of discipleship, that we may grow as your children and live as saints of your love. Amen.		
* Silent Prayer of Confession		
* Assurance of Pardon		Rev. Stephen Webb
Beloved children of God, even when we fail, God’s love never fails. What we will be has not yet been revealed, but we know that we will be like Christ one day. Until that day, trust that we are surrounded by the love and tender mercies of God.		
* Gloria Patri # 813	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Act of Remembrance ~ All Saints’ Day (Insert)		
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Stephen Webb
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		

Offertory	“In the Presence of Jehovah” with “Like a River Glorious”	Geron and Becky Davis
* Doxology # 815	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Prayer of Dedication		Sybil Lee
Choral Anthem	“Shall We Gather at the River?”	arr. John Carter
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12:1-2	(Pew Bible Pages 215 & 216 NT)
Minister: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“The Great Cloud of Witnesses”	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		
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. <i>(The Minister continues with prayer.)</i>		
Celebration of the Sacrament		<i>(Please eat the bread and drink the cup at the same time as the Minister.)</i>
* Hymn of Hope and Assurance	(Insert)	“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”
Pastoral Benediction		
Postlude	“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” with “We Have Come to Worship Jesus”	William Moore and Mary Hennis
*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.		