

“Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. Lloyd Larson

The traditional French carol “NOEL NOUVELET” pairs with the beloved “GREENSLEEVES” and text of “What Child Is This?” in this joyous anthem.

*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel! Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the lambkin blest.” Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel! In Bethlehem they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel! **This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary! Sing we now Noel!***

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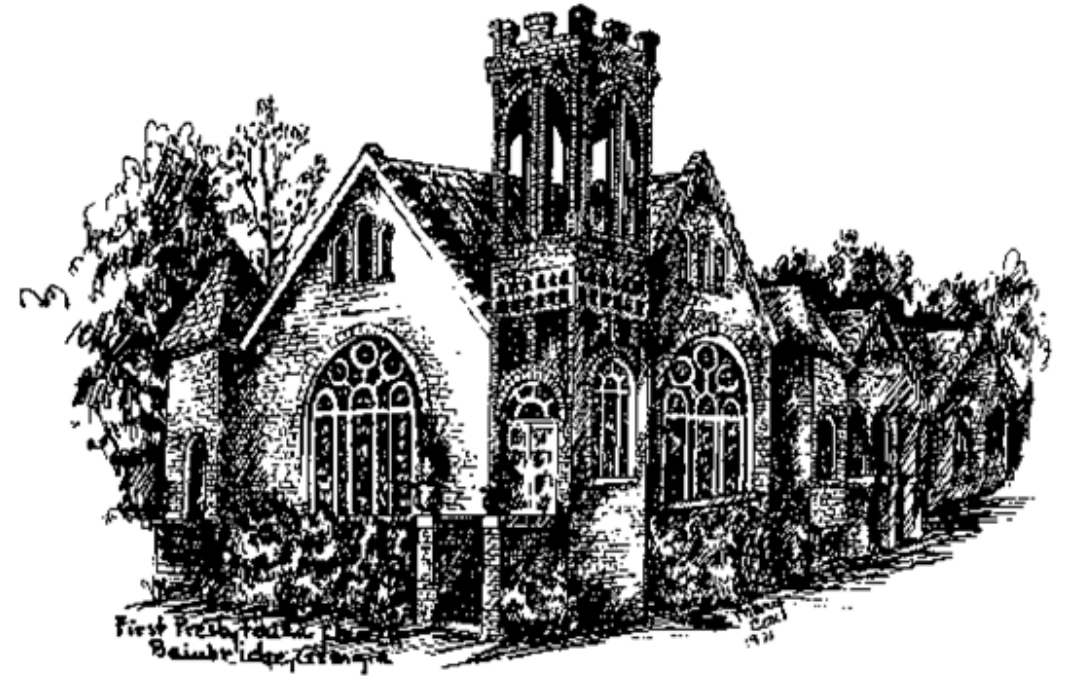
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
December 10, 2023**

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

In waiting, God calls. May steadfast love and faithfulness rest in our souls. May righteousness and peace guide the steps of First Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge and define our community in faith.

December 10, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Virginia Smith (229) 248-1741 ~ December 11-17, 2023

Liturgist ~ Rev. Stephen Webb

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *"I Saw Three Ships"* *Traditional*

Choral Introit *"Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!"* *Traditional French carol*

Call to Worship **Rev. Stephen Webb**

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by waiting with patience.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by living in faith and love.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by pursuing mercy and peace.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare, we wait, we pray.

L: May God bless us with both patience and passion.

P: We wait and pray to create the path of God.

Prayer of Invocation **Rev. Stephen Webb**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **Jason, Nichole, Sybil, and Henry Lee**

* **Hymn of Praise # 259** *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

* **Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* **Rev. Stephen Webb**

Loving Shepherd, gather us in your arms of love. Cover us with your love, mercy, and grace so that minds and hearts might be healed, and our fellowship restored. Guide us in your path to become the church you desire us to be. Forgive us for our transgressions and selfish desires, and make us whole again. Amen.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Assurance of Pardon** **Rev. Stephen Webb**

Hear the word of the Lord. He speaks peace, forgiveness, and salvation to all who will listen.

* **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 # 251** *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"* *English melody*

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

Prayer of Dedication **Rev. Stephen Webb**

Choral Anthem *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11** *(Pew Bible Page 634 OT)*
2 Peter 3:8-15 *(Pew Bible Pages 227 & 228NT)*
Mark 1:1-8 *(Pew Bible Page 37 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Preparing for a Royal Visit"* **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 # 286** *"Once in Royal David's City"*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* *Traditional spiritual*

**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.