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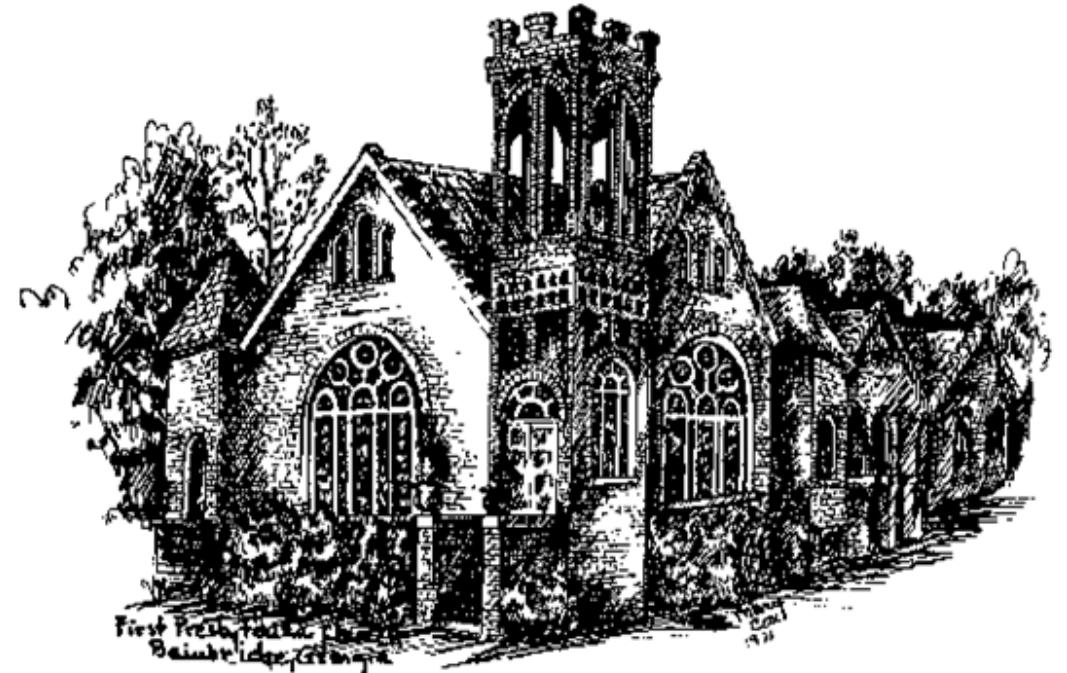
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First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
December 31, 2023

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.

1st Sunday of Christmas

*How can you stay silent in the joy of the Messiah's birth?
Rejoice and sing God's praises, for the Lord's glory is with you this day.*

December 31, 2023

Elder on Call ~ Mike Holt (404) 218-0297 ~ January 1-7, 2024

Liturgist ~ Susan Shiver

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *"Ukrainian Bell Carol"* *Mykola Leontovych*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 148*) **Susan Shiver**

L: With mighty mountains and crashing sea,

P: praise the name of the Lord.

L: With rolling valleys and lush forests,

P: praise the name of the Lord.

L: With the tiny ants and majestic eagles,

P: praise the name of the Holy One.

L: With innocent children and wise elders,

P: praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation **Susan Shiver**

* **Carol # 270** *"Joy to the World!"*

* **Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) **Susan Shiver**

We come to you with joy and happiness, but we know it won't always be so. Our human hearts are fickle things as we celebrate the birth of your Son. Open us to the many ways you seek to bless us. Free our lips to sing your praises, even when we feel alone and in need. As the new year dawns, help us all to gift one another with love, mercy, and grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

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

Through praise and thanksgiving, glory is given to God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, know what God's salvation has brought to you.

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

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

* **Carol # 284** *"The Birthday of a King"*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"What Child is This?"* *Traditional English melody*

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

Prayer of Dedication **Susan Shiver**

Solo *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* *arr. Don Marsh*
Jeremy Perkins ~ trumpet

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:13-23** *(Pew Bible Page 8 NT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"How Christmas Works or the Morning After"* **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.

* **Carol # 267** *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"*

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude *"The Little Drummer Boy"* *K. Davis, H. Onorati, and H. Simeone*

**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.