

“Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come” James MacDermid

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with Me. I am the Light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life. Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For the sun shall be no more thy light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be to thee thine everlasting Light, and thy God thy glory! Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Arise, shine, for thy Light is come!

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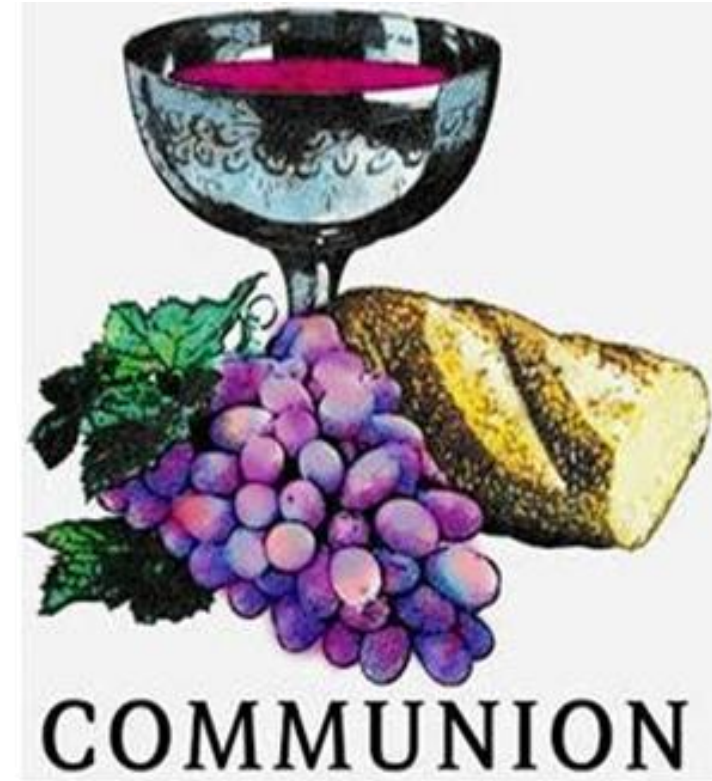
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COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Bainbridge, Georgia

Service 10:30 a.m.

January 7, 2024

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.

Epiphany

January 7, 2024

Elder on Call ~ David Kendrick (229) 254-3511 ~ January 8-14, 2024

Liturgist ~ Sheri Allen

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "You Are My All in All" and "Jesus, You Are My Life" arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Sheri Allen

L: As we focus on the Light of the World, God's vision of justice and love grows clearer and shines more brightly in our thoughts and actions. Christ's light is shining!

P: Calling us to respond with joy!

L: Christ's light is shining!

P: Calling us to worship and praise!

Prayer of Invocation Sheri Allen

* **Hymn of Praise # 285** "O Holy Night!"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Sheri Allen

Merciful God, grant us the grace to behold your glory and offer us the assurance that your loving light will not burn us. Grant us the confidence that we, too, can shine your light in Bainbridge. Remove the lampshades of fear and shame that hide our light. Dust off the cobwebs of doubt and despair that shadow our light. Shine in and through us, that we may brighten where we are. Amen.

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Words of Assurance** Rev. Stephen Webb

Hear the mystery: Grace is ours no matter what. God's love is ours no matter what. Grace and love save us and shine in us. They allow us to shine in this place with the true light of the world.

* **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 "Sonata of Christmas"
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Don Wyrzten

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

Prayer of Dedication Sheri Allen

Solo "Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come" James MacDermid
Jake Armstrong ~ tenor

Scripture Reading **Romans 15:4-7** (Pew Bible Page 154 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Church of Hope, an Epiphany Church" Rev. Stephen Webb

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: Follow the star to the table of grace.

P: Here we find gifts beyond price.

L: Follow the star to the table of blessings.

P: Here we find strength for the journey.

L: Follow the star to the table of peace.

P: Here we find rest and refreshment.

L: Follow the star to the table of Christ.

P: Here we find light and love.

Words of Institution

* **Hymn of Preparation # 288** "We Three Kings"

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 # 290** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick

*Those who are able please stand.

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