"An Easter Cry of Praise" Pamela Stewart and Joel Raney

Before the cry of the first bird, just before the break of day, with no witness to behold him, Jesus rose up from the grave! Then the ground began to tremble as the stone was rolled away, and the rock broke through the silence with an Easter cry of praise, with an Easter cry of praise! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen as he said! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen from the dead! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again! He is living among us! Alleluia! Amen! Darkness and death have no power; Christ has won the victory! He has risen up in glory from the tomb and set us free! We believe he lives within us on this resurrection day, and a life of "Alleluia!" is our Easter cry of praise, our Easter cry of praise, a cry of praise! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen as he said! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen from the dead! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again! He is living among us! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

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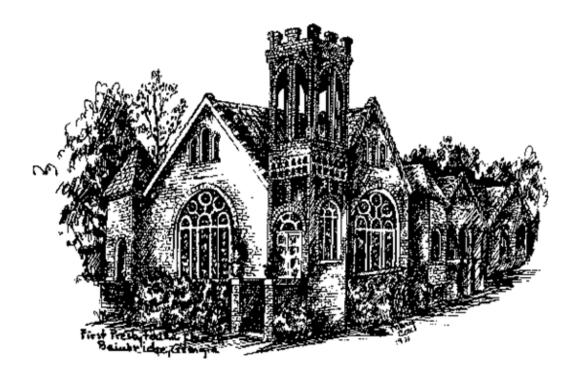
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Easter Sunday



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

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

March 31, 2024

Elder on Call ~ Steve Poitevint (229) 254-0770 ~ April 1-7, 2024 Liturgist ~ Amanda Glover

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "Concerto in C Major for Two Trumpets, Mvt. I Allegro" Antonio Vivaldi

Vito Bell and Jeremy Perkins ∼ *trumpets*

Choral Introit "Christ Triumphant" Mark Patterson

Vito Bell and Jeremy Perkins ∼ trumpets

Call to Worship Amanda Glover

L: This very day, God has acted.

P: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

L: We know the message that God sends to all people.

P: God's peace, preached by Christ, is available to all through the Lord of Life.

L: The one who lives among us

P: doing good and healing all,

L: was crucified, dead, and buried.

P: But God raised him on the third day.

L: This very day, God has acted.

P: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

Prayer of Invocation

Amanda Glover

* Hymn of Praise # 367

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Optional last stanza setting)

* Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Amanda Glover

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, whom you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus's suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* Gloria Patri # 813

"Glory Be to the Father"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Stephen Webb

* Hymn of Preparation # 357

"Christ Arose"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Because He Lives" William Gaither

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

Prayer of Dedication Amanda Glover

Choral Anthem "An Easter Cry of Praise" Pamela Stewart and Joel Raney

Vito Bell and Jeremy Perkins ∼ trumpets

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10 (Pew Bible Page 36 NT)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Toughest Commandment" 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 # 45

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Optional last stanza setting)

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Gesangbuch der Herzogl

*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.