

“Love Can Build a Bridge” arr. Cristi Cary Miller

Sometimes, a secular song conveys Jesus’s command to love one another as He loves us. Today’s anthem does that beautifully.

I’d gladly walk across the desert with no shoes upon my feet to share with you the last bite of bread I had to eat. I would swim out to save you in your sea of broken dreams. When all your hopes are sinking, let me show you what love means. Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Love can build a bridge, don’t you think it’s time? Don’t you think it’s time? I would whisper love so loudly, every heart would understand that love and only love can join the tribes of man. I would give my heart’s desire so that you might see. The first step is to realize it all begins with you and me. Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Love can build a bridge, don’t you think it’s time? Don’t you think it’s time? When we stand together, it’s our finest hour. We can do anything if we keep believing in the power! Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Love can build a bridge, don’t you think it’s time? Don’t you think it’s time? Love and only love!

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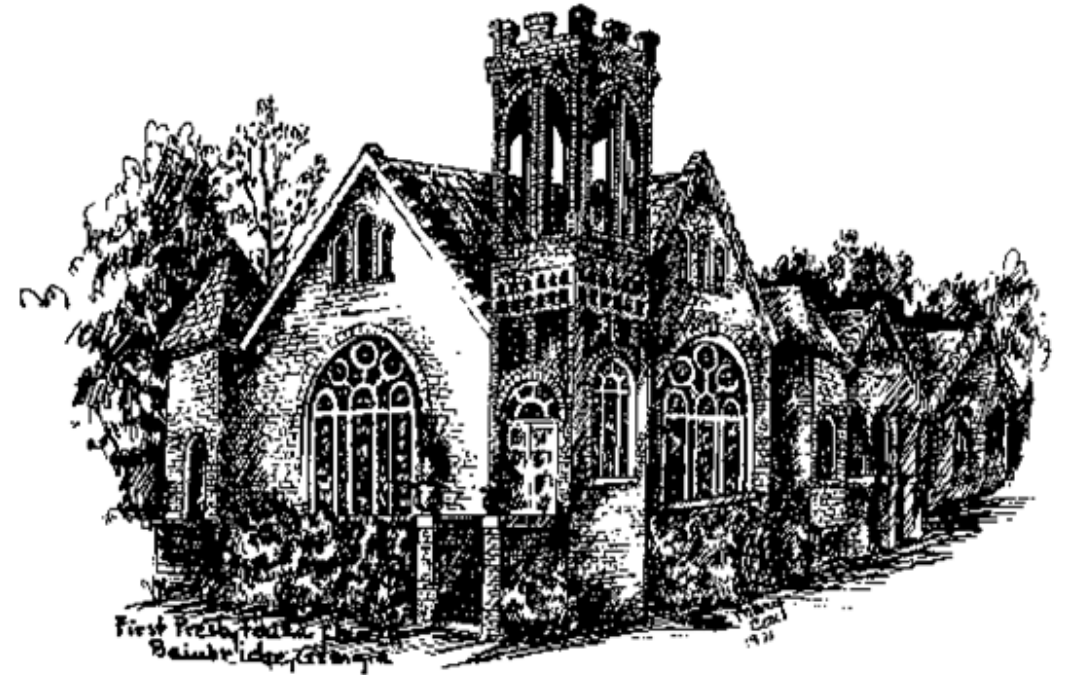
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**First Presbyterian Church
Bainbridge, Georgia
Service 10:30 a.m.
May 12, 2024**

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.

Ascension of the Lord/Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

Elder on Call ~ Mills Brock (229) 416-6136 ~ May 13-19, 2024

Liturgist ~ Brandon Paltin

Striking of the Hour

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "The Lion and the Lamb" *arr. Bernadine Johnson*

Choral Introit # 421 "Love that Binds" (Unison scripture from Colossians)
422 "I Love You with the Love of the Lord" (Choir then Congregation)

Call to Worship **Brandon Paltin**

L: From the north and south, from the east and west,

P: all are welcome here.

L: With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering,

P: we come to worship God.

L: Bringing our love, opening our minds,

P: we draw near to God, near to each other, and near to Christ, the living word of God.

Prayer of Adoration **Brandon Paltin**

* **Hymn of Praise # 428** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

* **Silent Prayer of Confession**

* **Congregational Prayer** (Unison) **Brandon Paltin**

Spirit of truth, speak to us of your divine love, clothe us with your divine mercy, and cover us with your grace. Empower us to love others as you love us. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Stephen Webb**

Saved by love and covered in grace, we are forgiven and reconciled with God. For in Christ's love, we are loved. In Christ's glory, we are glorified, and in Christ's grace we are saved.

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

Remembering Our Mothers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Stephen Webb**

* **Hymn of Preparation # 793** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Lord, I Need You" *Bernadine Johnson*

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

Prayer of Dedication **Brandon Paltin**

Choral Anthem "Love Can Build a Bridge" *arr. Cristi Cary Miller*
Soloists ~ Rebecca Gardner, Mary Botter, Kelby Yoder

Scripture Reading **Ruth 1:1-18** *(Pew Bible Pages 236 & 237 OT)*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Long Line of Love" **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 # 453** "Happy Our Home When God Is There"

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Revive Us Again" *John Husband*

**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.