



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

**April 10, 2016**

## **Today's Schedule**

Prayer Meeting	9:15 am ~ 9:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am ~10:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am ~12:00 pm
Evening Dinner and Discipleship	5:30 pm ~ 7:00 pm

## **Welcome**

*We are so glad you have come to worship our great God with us today! We pray that God will use this worship service to increase your knowledge of, faith in, and love for Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor, you can learn more about our church by reading the back page of this bulletin. We do encourage children to be in and participate in our worship service, but we do have three nurseries available for them if needed. There is also a nursing mother's room in the women's restroom. If we can help you in any way, please feel free to speak with one of the ushers or pastors.*

# Lord's Day Morning Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Silent Prayer of Preparation

*Heavenly Father, I could never have sought my happiness in Your love, unless You had first loved me. Grant that I may feel more the strength of Your grace in supporting me under the trials of life. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, and peaceable; to live for You and not for self.*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 34:8-10**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

## Hymn of Praise

## “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne,  
To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

## † Invocation

## Scripture Memory for April

**Psalm 23**

*“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”*

## Scripture Reading

**Genesis 8:1-22**

## Hymn of Confession

## "God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)"

Words by Richard Redhead, music by Christopher Miner. ©Christopher Miner Music.

1. God be merciful to me on Thy grace, I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, make me pure within cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin
2. My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just speechless, I, Thy mercy trust
3. I am evil born in sin, Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow wash me whiter than the snow
4. Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace
5. Gracious God, my heart renew make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from thee let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart steadfast make my willing heart

## Pastoral Prayer

Matthew 7:7

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

## Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

Deuteronomy 16:17

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you."*

*Children's Church: 4 Year Olds are now released to Children's Church located in the Pre-K/Kindergarten Room.*

## Offertory

## "How Sweet and Awful is the Place"

Words by Isaac Watts, tune based on St. Columbia 1.

1. How sweet and awful is the place with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen!

## † Offertory Prayer

Kelly Larson, Elder

## Sermon

“Jonah Restored”  
Michael Brown

Jonah 1:17-2:10

## Hymn of Response

**"All Must Be Well"**

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters, music by Matthew S. Smith, © 2007 Detuned Radio Music

1. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well
2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well
3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On Our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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## † Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

## Sermon Notes

### “Jonah Restored”

**Jonah 1:17-2:10.** <sup>17</sup> And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying, “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.” <sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ <sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!” <sup>10</sup> And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

1. Account of Jonah is affirmed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Matthew 12:39-41: “no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”
  
2. For God to be Trusted He must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. God’s control/sovereignty extends over \_\_\_\_\_ things.
    - Isa. 14:27. *For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*
  
  - b. God is working all things for our \_\_\_\_\_ that we would be conformed to Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Rom. 8:28-29. <sup>28</sup> *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.*
  
  - c. God goodness to Jonah leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. Four Aspects of Jonah’s Response:
  - a. Turns to God in prayer.
  
  - b. Confesses his sin.
  
  - c. Thanksgiving for Restoration.
  
  - d. Turns back to God’s Word.

### Small Groups Meeting this Week

**Augustine Group:** Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month  
Meets April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:15pm / Led by Kevin Eck

**Rincon:** Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays led by Michael Brown.  
Meets April 13<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00pm-8:00pm / Led by Michael Brown

**Women's Ministry:** Meeting every Thursday of the month  
Meets April 14<sup>th</sup>: Morning study from 9:00am-10:30am / Led by Cindy Doud and Jill Warfield  
Meets April 14<sup>th</sup>: Evening study from 6:30pm- 8:30pm / Led by Maggie Banks

**Covenanter's: Thursday Evening:** Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month  
Meets April 14<sup>th</sup> for dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15pm-8:30pm / Led by Ken Baxley/Bob Sharp

**Covenanter's: Friday Evening:** Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month  
Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:30pm / Led by Carl and Nancy Story

### Small Groups Meeting in the Coming Weeks

**Calvin:** Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month  
Meets April 18<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:30pm and study from 6:30pm-7:30pm / Led by Michael Brown

**Knox:** Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month  
Meets April 20<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:30pm and study from 6:30pm-7:30pm / Led by Michael Brown

**Westminster:** Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month  
Meets April 20<sup>th</sup> for dinner at 5:30pm and study from 6:30pm-8:00pm / Led by Clay Harden

**Youth Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month  
Meets April 20<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:30pm and study from 6:30pm-8:00pm / Led by Aaron Francis

**Men's Ministry:** Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month  
Meets April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chick-fil-A from 6:45am-7:30am / Led by Bob Sharp

## Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to serve in one of these ways, please e-mail Melissa Miles at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com)  
Adult nursery workers serve during both the Sunday School hour and the Worship hour.*

### Serving This Week (4/10)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Maggie Banks

#### **Infants**

Lacy Hicks, Annie Twibell

#### **Movers**

Scott Terry Faith Miles

#### **Toddlers**

Young Ju and Dohwan Kim

#### **Ushers**

John Twibell, John Jones

Stephen Mullis, Mike Foley

Ryan Brown (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Kevin Eck

#### **Evening**

Tina Glover, Tasha Stenzel

### Serving Next Week (4/17)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Amanda Holbrook

#### **Movers**

Pasquale Italiano, Sara Daniels

#### **Toddlers**

Karla Italiano, Joel Daniels

#### **Ushers**

Bob Sharp, Drew Holbrook

David Salser, Thomas Miles

Caleb Johnson (Deacon on duty)

#### **Sound**

Ryan Brown

#### **Evening**

Kim Hayes, Melissa Miles

## Announcements for April 10th

<b>Today:</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> in the conference room
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship/ Dinner and Discipleship</b>

**Dinner and Discipleship:** Join us tonight at 5:30pm for chicken finger salad dinner and discipleship to follow at 6:15pm. Dinner costs \$5 per person and \$10 per family.

### **COMING SOON:**

**Youth Event:** On **April 19<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00pm-9:00pm, the Pooler Fire Department will be hosting a free 2 hour class for teen drivers that will focus on crash dynamics, seat belts, and Georgia driving laws. A parent of the child must be present for the class and it might reduce your car insurance. Contact Melissa for more details at [Melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:Melissa@firstprespooler.com)

**Save the Date:** Youth Group will meet on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Tom Triplett Park from 2:00pm-5:00pm for a fun afternoon. They can bring Frisbees, volleyballs, soccer balls, footballs and we will provide snacks and waters. Please RSVP to Aaron Francis at [afrancis777@gmail.com](mailto:afrancis777@gmail.com)

**Copper Basin Mission Trip:** On **Apr. 27-30<sup>th</sup>**, Carl and Nancy Story will be leading a group to McCaysville, GA to minister to people in a great need. The group will be making repairs and upgrades within homes, help with food and clothing, medical ministry, helping in missionary center, share the gospel and pray with people. There is a collection basket in the foyer for items that are needed at Copper Basin. That includes baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, adult briefs, toiletries, dishwashing soap, paper towels, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, and bleach. For questions please contact Carl or Nancy Story at [carlandnancystory@gmail.com](mailto:carlandnancystory@gmail.com)

**Save the Date: Summer Kickoff Cookout:** On **June 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the home of Marty and Cindy Daniel. More details to come.

**Ridge Haven Service Camp:** Service Project Camp is designed to give youth groups and individual Junior High and Senior High students (rising 6<sup>th</sup> - rising 12<sup>th</sup> graders) the chance to develop team-building skills in a fun and exciting camp environment. This low-cost alternative to a typical camp is a unique opportunity for youth to take the next step in their Christian walk while having the time of their lives! The dates are **June 6-11<sup>th</sup>** and the cost will be \$185 plus money for the drive to NC. The deadline for registration is **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Melissa at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com) if your youth is interested and I will give you the hold number for our group.

**Vacation Bible School:** The dates for VBS will be **June 13-17<sup>th</sup>** and registration is **now open**. Go to [www.fpcpooler.org/vbs](http://www.fpcpooler.org/vbs) to register online. We are looking for volunteers who will teach, assist in teaching, activity coordinators and other assistance. The activity coordinators will be: music, skits, recreation, food, craft, decorations, and music. Please contact Jill Warfield if you are interested or have questions regarding any positions at [jillwarfield@gmail.com](mailto:jillwarfield@gmail.com).

# First Presbyterian Church of Pooler

## **Our Purpose:**

We seek to glorify God by holding out the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community, our country and our world to impact others to do the same.

## **Our Key Theological Commitments:**

- The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God.
- Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone.
- The Church is God's ordained means of gathering and perfecting believers.
- The Church is to rely upon the ordinary means of grace (the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer) for the building of the kingdom.
- The Westminster Confession of Faith (including the Larger and Shorter Catechism) is the most accurate understanding of what the Scriptures principally teach.

## **Our Key Areas of Ministry:**

- **Worship:** Giving glory to God with reverence and joy, according to the council of God's Word.
- **Evangelism:** Offering the hope of the gospel locally, nationally, and globally.
- **Discipleship:** Producing mature believers in Christ
- **Fellowship:** Experiencing the blessing of the communion of the saints.
- **Mercy:** Manifesting the love of God in deed.

## **Our Leadership:**

- **Teaching Elder:** Rev. John Fender, Senior Pastor ([john@firstprespooler.com](mailto:john@firstprespooler.com))
- **Ruling Elders:**  
Randy Grovenstein, Kelly Larson, and Nate Warfield
- **Deacons:**  
Ken Baxley, Ryan Brown, Travis Cope, Kevin Eck, Ken Hayes, Paul Hill, and Caleb Johnson
- **Director of Discipleship Ministries:** Michael Brown ([michael@firstprespooler.com](mailto:michael@firstprespooler.com))
- **Director of Youth Ministries:** Aaron Francis ([afrancis777@gmail.com](mailto:afrancis777@gmail.com))
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- **Administrative Assistant:** Joy Turner ([joy@firstprespooler.com](mailto:joy@firstprespooler.com))
- **Director of Korean Ministries:** Rev. Cheol Kim ([kchjdm@gmail.com](mailto:kchjdm@gmail.com))

## **Our Denomination:**

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