



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**January 15, 2017**

## **Today's Schedule**

Prayer Meeting	9:15 am ~ 9:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am ~ 10:45
Morning Worship	11:00 am ~ 12:00 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

*O great and merciful God, our Creator and our Redeemer, Help us to prepare our hearts for worship this morning; Help us to set aside all of our worldly thoughts, worries, and desires, That our hearts might be set more and more on you, our Rock and our Refuge. Help us to see your goodness and mercy, that we would have our greatest delight in you alone. Remind us of the wonder and awe of being united to you, and our engagement to be yours for all of eternity. Amen*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 47:1-7**

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

## Hymn of Praise

**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

## † Invocation

## Scripture Memory for January

**James 1:2-4**

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

## Baptism of Austin Oglesby, Covenant Child of Miranda Oglesby

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our engrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

## Baptismal Vows

### *Vows for the Parent:*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### *Vow for the Congregation*

Do you as a community of fellow believers undertake the responsibility of assisting this parent in the Christian nurture of this child?

## Hymn of Confession

## Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

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1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

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2. To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might, (*Chorus*)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support; (*Chorus*)

4. What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed; (*Chorus*)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free (*Chorus*)

## Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

**Matthew 10:8b**

*"Freely you received; freely give."*

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

## Offertory

## “God of My Life to Thee I Call”

Words by William Cowper, 1731-1800; music by Benj Cocta, Clint Wells, & Brian T. Murphy; ©2007 Red Mountain Music.

God of my life, to Thee I call, Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;  
When the great water floods prevail leave not my trembling heart to fail.

*Poor though I am, despised, forgot Yet God, my God, forgets me not;  
And He is safe and must succeed for whom The Lord is sure to plead.*

Friend of the friendless and the saint, where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door invites the helpless and the poor! (*Chorus*)

That were a grief I could not bear, didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;  
But a prayer hearing, answering God supports me under every load. (*Chorus*)

## 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

Ken Hayes, Deacon

## Sermon

John 15:1-6

### “Living Connected to Jesus, Part 2: Bear Fruit in Christ”

Rev. John Fender

## Closing Hymn

## “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## † 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

John 15:1-6

### “Living Connected to Jesus, Part 2: Bear Fruit in Christ”

[1] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. [4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

#### Bearing fruit

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life is to bear fruit.

Ephesians 2:10

James 2:17

2. Jesus said a genuine believer can be \_\_\_\_\_ by his fruit.

Matthew 7:16-17

Matthew 3:7-8

#### Who are the fruitless branches?

Cannot mean: Christians who have \_\_\_\_\_ their salvation

Philippians 1:6, Romans 8:35, John 10:27-30

Must mean:

1. Jews who had not been faithful to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ with them

Romans 9:6, 11:17-20

2. Jews or Gentiles who only \_\_\_\_\_ to be God’s people

1 John 2:19, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Matt. 13:20–22, Matt. 7:13–14

#### Two words of caution over God’s covenant relationship with His people:

1. Never \_\_\_\_\_ the promises of God (as they have conditions)

2. Never \_\_\_\_\_ the promises of God (for in them are life)

## Small Groups

**Calvin:** *For adults and families with young children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the church.  
Meets **January 16, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-7:45pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

**Knox:** *For adults and families with school aged children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.  
Meets **January 18, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-7:45pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

**Westminster:** *For adults and families with youth group age children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.  
Meets **January 18, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-8:00pm. Study on 1 Peter led by Clay Harden.

**Youth Group:** *For students in grades 6-12.* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.  
Meets **January 18, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:30-8:00pm. Study on the book of Romans led by Aaron Francis.

**Augustine:** *Young adults:* Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Cope's home.  
Meets **January 23, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck.

**Covenanter:** *For those who have children out of the house, retired or entering retirement.* Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church.  
Meets **January 25, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:00-8:30pm. Study on *Finishing Our Course with Joy* led by Bill Gleason and Bob Sharp.

**Rincon:** *For adults of all ages along with a class for youth.* Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Larson's home in Rincon.  
Meets **January 25, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00-8:00pm. Study on the book of Romans led by Michael Brown.

**Men's Study:** Meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Western Sizzlin.  
Meets **January 27, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philippians, Led by John Fender.

**Women's Morning Study:** 12 week study meeting every Thursday morning at the church. Childcare is provided.  
Dates and time coming soon.

**Women's Evening Study:** 12 week study meeting every Thursday evening at the church. There is no childcare.  
Dates and times coming soon.

## 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 (1/15)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Emma Kornegay, Madison Harden

#### **Movers**

Jennifer Mullis, Anders Martin

#### **Toddlers**

Jennifer Johnson, Brie Goodwin

#### **Ushers**

Ken Hayes, Joel Daniels, Drew Holbrook,

Bob Glover, David Salser

Caleb Johnson (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ryan Brown

### Serving Next Week (1/22)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Charity Miles

#### **Infants**

Mandy King, Amanda Brodmann, Annie Twibell

#### **Movers**

Cristina & Christopher Larson

#### **Toddlers**

Cara Pommerenck, Pamela Terry, Millie Twibell

#### **Ushers**

Mike Foley, Steve Mack, Ander Martin,

Kevin Eck, James Hardison,

Bob Sharp (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Kevin Eck

## Announcements for January 15th

**Today:**

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>

**There will be no evening worship**

### COMING SOON:

**Sunday Evening Dinner & Discipleship will resume January 29.**

**MOPS Meeting - Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am.** If you are interested in joining MOPS, please contact Carlie Martin or Jennifer Mullis.

**PresWM Women's Workshop** Sanctity of Life seminar -**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at RUF on Georgia Southern University's campus – Statesboro, GA. Email Crystal for more details  
[crystal@firstprespooler.com](mailto:crystal@firstprespooler.com)

**Annual State of the Church Luncheon- Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** This is always an encouraging time of fellowship and reporting on God's goodness as we reflect on 2016 and makes plans for the coming year.

**MOPS Preschool Fair - Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm.** Join us for our annual school fair. Public, Private, home schools and more will be setup at this event to answer any of your questions. This event is free and open to the public!

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Marriage Emphasis Weekend- February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm** We are excited to announce our first marriage retreat! This is one event you don't want to miss! Please pick up a registration form today or access it on our website [www.fpcpooler.org/marriage](http://www.fpcpooler.org/marriage). Complimentary childcare registration is also on the website. We encourage you to register your children soon as there are a limited number of nursery spaces for Friday & Saturday. Please turn in your retreat registration and check to Crystal Twibell or Melissa Miles.

**New Members Class:** If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of First Pres. Pooler and are considering becoming a member, please join us for the four **Sundays in February** during the Sunday School time. A separate class will be held in which we cover four important topics: What is the church? What does it mean that we are Reformed? What does it mean that we are Presbyterian? And, How does this church do ministry? Let Pastor Fender ([john@firstprespooler.com](mailto:john@firstprespooler.com)) or Crystal Twibell ([crystal@firstprespooler.com](mailto:crystal@firstprespooler.com)) know if you are interested.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

~**Nursery Workers Needed:** We need 3 volunteers to sign up to help in the nursery once every 6 weeks on Sunday Mornings. We also need 4 volunteers to sign up for Sunday Night nursery which would also be once every six weeks. Please contact Melissa Miles at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com) if you can help.

~**In the sound booth:** No prior sound experience is needed, and you will be trained in what to do. If you are interested, please respond to Kevin Eck ([eck\\_kevin@yahoo.com](mailto:eck_kevin@yahoo.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, Nate Warfield, and Clay Harden
- **Deacons:** Ryan Brown, Travis Cope, Kevin Eck, Ken Hayes, Paul Hill, Caleb Johnson, David Brodmann, Stephen Mullis, and Bob Sharp
- **Director of Discipleship Ministries:** Michael Brown ([michael@firstprespooler.com](mailto:michael@firstprespooler.com))
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- **Administrative Assistant:** Crystal Twibell ([crystal@firstprespooler.com](mailto:crystal@firstprespooler.com))
- **Director of Korean Ministries:** Rev. Cheol Kim ([kchjdm@gmail.com](mailto:kchjdm@gmail.com))

## **Our Denomination:**

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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