



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**March 5, 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
Evening Dinner & 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

*Almighty God, You have set a table before us, and called us to feast with you. Prepare us in mind and spirit to worship you and your great name, And to honor the one who died to save us from our sin. Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## † Hymn of Praise

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

## † Invocation

## Scripture Memory for March

**Psalm 46:1-3**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

## Corporate Reading of the Law of God

Ex. 20:3-17; Matt. 22:37-40

You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not make for yourself a carved image.  
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## Hymn of Confession

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

## Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:6-8a

*"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you."*

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

## Offertory

"Oft In Sorrow"

1. Oft in sorrow, oft in woe, Onward, Christian, onward go.  
Fight the fight, maintain the strife, Strengthened with the Bread of life.
2. Let your drooping hearts be glad. March in heavenly armor clad.  
Fight, nor think the battle long. Victory soon shall be your song.
3. Let not sorrow dim your eye, Soon shall every tear be dry.  
Let not fears your course impede, Great your strength, if great your need.
4. Onward then in battle move, More than conquerors ye shall prove.  
Though opposed by many a foe, Christian soldiers onward go.

## † 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

Stephen Mullis, Deacon

## Sermon

John 15:9-11

### “Living Connected to Jesus, Part 7: Loving and Obeying”

Rev. John Fender

## Hymn of Preparation

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Him shall endless prayer be made. And princes throng to crown His head,  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is proclaimed,[a] and those who receive rightly are by faith (and not by the mouth in a physical manner) made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.[b]

[a]. Luk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26

[b]. 1 Cor 10:16-17

## † Closing Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
5. Where He displays His healing power Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessings than their father lost.
6. Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## † 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**

### **Living Connected to Jesus, Part 7: Love and Obedience John 15:9-11**

*[9] As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11] These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

#### **How has God the Father loved God the Son?**

Stated: Matthew 3:17, Matthew 17:5

Described: John 3:35

Why: Hebrews 1:3, John 4:34

#### **How has God the Son loved His people?**

Ephesians 2:25-29

#### **How are we to abide in Jesus' love?**

1 John 4:20-5:3

#### **Abiding which leads to obeying is our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ !**

1 John 5:2-3

## Small Groups

**Calvin:** *For adults and families with young children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the church.

Meets **March 6, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-7:45pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

**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 **March 8, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00-8:00pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

**Covenanter:** *For those who have children out of the house, retired or entering retirement.* Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church.

Meets **March 8, 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.

**Women's Morning Study:** 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **March 9, 2017** at the church from 9:30am – 11:00am. Childcare is provided. The study is on *Ruth and Esther* led by Cindy Doud and Jill Warfield.

Books are available in the office for \$7

**Women's Evening Study:** 12 week study every Thursday evening meets **March 9, 2017** at the church from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. There is no childcare. The study is on *Praying Together* led by Maggie Banks and Leslie Fender.

Books are available in the office for \$8.

**Men's Study:** Meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Western Sizzlin.

Meets **March 10, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philippians, Led by John Fender.

**Augustine:** *Young adults:* Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Cope's home.

Meets **March 13, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck.

**Knox:** *For adults and families with school aged children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.

Meets **March 15, 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 **March 15, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-8:00pm. Study on *The Treasure Principle* led by Clay Harden.

**Youth Group:** *For students in grades 6-12.* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.

Meets **March 15, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:30-8:00pm. Study on the book of Romans led by Aaron Francis.

## 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 (3/5)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Charity Miles

#### **Infants**

Mandy King, Amanda Brodmann, Annie Twibell

#### **Movers**

Cristina & Christopher Larson

#### **Toddlers**

Cara Pommerenck, Anders Martin, Millie Twibell

#### **Ushers**

Drew Holbrook, David & Zach Baranowski John Jones, David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ryan Brown

#### **Evening**

Jill Warfield, Maggie Banks

### Serving Next Week (3/12)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Lacy Hicks, Grace & Faith Miles

#### **Movers**

Scott Terry, Rebecca Stanton, Brian Miles

#### **Toddlers**

Leah & Suzanne Underwood,  
YoungJu & Dohwan Kim

#### **Ushers**

Jacob Terry, John Twibell, Bob Glover, Mike Foley  
Randy Grovenstein (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Travis & Kimberly Cope, Keightley Daniels

## Announcements for February 26th

<b>Today:</b>	<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>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Dinner &amp; Discipleship</b>

### TODAY:

#### **Sunday Evening Dinner & Discipleship**

- ~Supper starts at 5:30 pm. Worship starts at 6:15 pm.
- ~Adults will study The Parables of Jesus. Classes are provided for Pre-K through high school students.
- ~A nursery is available for children 3 and under

### THIS WEEK:

**MOPS Ladies Night Out-Self Defense Class** will be **Friday, March 10th** from 7-9pm at the church. An instructor from Wescott's Martial Arts Academy will be teaching an instructional class. Be sure to wear workout clothes. There will be a small fee to attend, but we will not know the exact amount until closer to the event. This event is open to any lady that would like to attend. Please RSVP with and get more details from Carlie Martin at [carliebmartin@gmail.com](mailto:carliebmartin@gmail.com) or Jennifer Mullis at [jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com)

**Youth Service Event: Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm PFC youth will have a service project. Lunch is included. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am and carpool to the work site. Bring work gloves! See Aaron Francis for details.

**Baby Shower for Stephanie Shaw**—On **Saturday, March 11th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be a baby shower at the church for baby Jane Shaw daughter of James and Stephanie Shaw arriving in May. The Shaw's are registered at Target. If you can attend please let Melissa know at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com).

### COMING SOON:

**Community Egg Hunt Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>**- Please make plans to join us this year as we partner with Pooler Gateway Church for the Community Egg Hunt. We will need many volunteers the morning of the event. See Crystal for more information [crystal@firstprespooler.com](mailto:crystal@firstprespooler.com)

**Easter Service April 16<sup>th</sup>**- We will have service at 9:30am as well as 11:00am on Easter Sunday. Cards will be available in the foyer in the next couple of weeks to invite those around you. We ask that if you are able, please consider serving during one service and worshipping during the other, we will have needs in the nursery as well as ushers.

### Volunteers Needed:

~**Nursery Workers Needed:** We need 2 volunteers to sign up to help in the nursery once every 6 weeks on Sunday Mornings. We also need 2 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.

# 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 Goals:**

In holding out the gospel we pray that God would save, sanctify and equip His people to serve.

## **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))
- **Director of Youth Ministries:** Aaron Francis ([afrancis777@gmail.com](mailto:afrancis777@gmail.com))
- **Nursery Coordinator:** Melissa Miles ([melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com))
- **Event Coordinator:** Melissa Miles ([melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com))
- **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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