



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**March 12, 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 delight to pour out the riches of your grace and mercy on those who humble themselves before you. Fill us with the Holy Spirit this day. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Call to Worship

**Psalm 98:1-4**

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

### † Hymn of Praise

**All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell Come ye before him and rejoice

The Lord ye know is God indeed Without our aid he did us make  
We are his flock, he doth us feed And for his sheep he doth us take

O enter then his gates with praise Approach with joy his courts unto  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always For it is seemly so to do

For why? The Lord our God is good His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure

### † 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.

### Reading of Scripture

**Genesis 24:50-67**

### Hymn of Confession

**Abide With Me**

Words by Henry Lyte 1847, alt. music by Justin Smith; © 2007, Justin Smith Music.

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**John 14:13-14**

*"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."*

### **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**

**Arise, My Soul, Arise**

Words by Charles Wesley, 1742; music by Kevin Twit, © 1996 Kevin Twit Music.

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands. (chorus)

Chorus:  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (chorus)

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" (chorus)

4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God. (chorus)

Chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

5. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. (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

Randy Grovenstein, Elder

### Sermon

John 15:12-17

### "Jesus: No Greater Love"

Rev. John Fender

### † Closing Hymn

All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters, music by Matthew Smith; © 2007 Detuned 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

### Jesus: No Greater Love

#### John 15:12-17

[12] *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. [17] These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”*

### John 15 is about our union with Christ

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to establish that union: Jesus laying down His life

A. Jesus calls us friends, but our hearts called Him \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus' dying proves the \_\_\_\_\_ of His words

C. Jesus' dying is the epitome of \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ : that we would be the kinds of people who love others by laying down our lives for others

A. Understand that the object of our love may only have \_\_\_\_\_, namely that they are in a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

B. See yourself as a \_\_\_\_\_ to those around you.

John 13:4-5

## Small Groups

**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.

**Women's Morning Study:** 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **March 16, 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 16, 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.

**Calvin:** *For adults and families with young children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the church.  
Meets **March 20, 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 22, 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 22, 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.

**Men's Study:** Meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Western Sizzlin.  
Meets **March 24, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philippians, Led by John Fender.

## 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 (3/12)

#### **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  
Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Travis & Kimberly Cope

### Serving Next Week (3/12)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Maggie Banks

#### **Infants**

Jasmin Hill, Catherine Fender, Sara Daniels

#### **Movers**

TBD, Caroline Fender

#### **Toddlers**

Joel & Nathan Daniels, TBD

#### **Ushers**

Steve Mack, Scott Terry, Richard Parks,  
James Hardison, Travis Cope (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Kevin Eck

#### **Evening**

Tina Glover, Faith Eck, Shirley Foley

## Announcements for March 12<sup>th</sup>

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	<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** (Mothers of Preschool Children) will meet **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. at the church. Childcare is available. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Carlie Martin at [carliebmartin@gmail.com](mailto:carliebmartin@gmail.com) or Jennifer Mullis at [jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mullis23@gmail.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 worshiping during the other, we will have needs in the nursery as well as ushers.

#### **Annual Elder and Deacon Nominations and Election**

The following schedule has been approved by the Elders of FPCP. Please begin prayerfully thinking through potential candidates.

Nominations period	Month of May
Training dates (15 weeks)	June 4 - Sept. 10
Examination date	Sept. 20
Vote by Congregation	Oct. 29
Ordination and Installation	Nov. 12

Our Book of Church Order reminds us,

“He that fills this office (of Elder) should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.”

“To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.”

### 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))
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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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