



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**March 19, 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

*O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Call to Worship

**Psalm 99:1-5**

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is He!

### † Hymn of Praise

**“Come Thou Fount”**

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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### † 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 25:19-28**

## Hymn of Confession

## “Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## 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

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

## “Whate'er My God Ordains is Right”

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1. Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.  
I will be still whate'er He does, And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, Though dark my road.  
He holds me that I shall not fall, Wherefore to Him I leave it all
2. Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me  
I take, content, What He hath sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day
3. Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true, Each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart
4. Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken  
My Fathers care Is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all

## † 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

Romans 9:10-13

### “Grace of God in the Life of Jacob”

Michael Brown

## † Closing Hymn

“Satisfied”

Words by Clara T. Williams, 1875; music by Karl Digerness, © 1997 Karl Digerness Music.

1. All my life long, I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within

*Chorus:* Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings  
And through His blood I now am saved

2. Feeding on the filth around me  
‘Till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better  
Only still to hunger on  
*(chorus)*

3. Poor I was and sought for riches  
Something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered ‘round me  
Only mocked my soul’s sad cry  
*(chorus)*

4. Well of water, ever springing  
Bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth  
My Redeemer is to me  
*(chorus)*

## † 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

### Grace of God in the Life of Jacob

**Romans 9:10-13.** And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— <sup>12</sup> she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup> As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

1. **Jacob and Esau were both \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Gen. 25:29-34.** Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. <sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” <sup>32</sup> Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” <sup>33</sup> Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

2. **God effectually \_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob, and Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s word.**

- **Gen. 28:10-22.** <sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup> so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, <sup>22</sup> and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

3. **God will now shower Jacob with \_\_\_\_\_ grace.**

4. **Lord Changes Jacob’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Gen. 35:9-11.** God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. <sup>10</sup> And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So he called his name Israel. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.
- **Gal. 6:16.** And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

## Small Groups

**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 *Kingdom Parables* 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.

**Augustine:** *Young adults:* Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Cope's home.  
Meets **March 27, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck.

**Women's Morning Study:** 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **March 30, 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 30, 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 **April 3, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-7:45pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

## 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**

Elizabeth Brown

#### **Infants**

Jasmin Hill, Madison Harden

#### **Movers**

Karra and Autumn Harden

#### **Toddlers**

Melissa and Faith Miles

#### **Ushers**

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

#### **Sound**

Kevin Eck

#### **Evening**

Tina Glover, Faith Eck, Shirley Foley

### Serving Next Week (3/12)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Kim Hayes

#### **Infants**

Jennifer Mullis, Edna Gleason

#### **Movers**

Keightley Daniels, Anna Hayes

#### **Toddlers**

Miranda Oglesby, St. Lawrence ladies

#### **Ushers**

Drew Holbrook, Anders Martin, David Salser,  
Joel Daniels, Bob Sharp (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Jeff Wilhelm

#### **Evening**

Kim Hayes, Melissa Miles

## Announcements for March 19<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) Play date at the Fire Station: **Wednesday, March 22** at 10 AM - 12 PM. It will be at Fire Station 1 in Pooler. It will include a tour of the station and a fire prevention presentation. You do not have to be a member of MOPS to attend. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by March 19th to either Carlie Martin at [carliebmartin@gmail.com](mailto:carliebmartin@gmail.com) or Jennifer Mullis at [jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com)

**Ladies Bible Study** Both the morning and evening study **will not meet this week** due to Spring Break. We will resume study next week, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Please contact Melissa Miles at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com) if you are able to serve

#### **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.”

# 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:**

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