



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**March 26, 2017**

## **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
Covenanters Lunch	12:30 pm ~ 1:30 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

*Grant to us, Lord, we beseech You, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 100:2-5**

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## † Hymn of Praise

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

## † 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 25:29-26:5**

## Hymn of Confession

**“Jesus, I Come”**

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1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### **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**

**"Father, Long Before Creation"**

Words from Chinese Hymn translated by Francis Jones; music by Andrew Osenga, © 2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings.

1. Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us- firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children -Must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us -That His only Son He gave.
4. Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory -To our God and to the Lamb

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## † 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

Nate Warfield, Elder

## Sermon

John 15:12-17

### “Friends on Mission”

Rev. John Fender

## † Closing Hymn

### “Thy Mercy my God”

Words by John Stoker, 1777; music by Sandra McCracken, 2001; ©Same Old Dress Music.

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.
4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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**  
**John 15:12-17**  
**“Friends on Mission”**

*[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.*

**Understand the Transition that is taking place:**

1. No longer \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. 15a

2. Now \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 15b

3. Yet, this is friendship with the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Vs. 16-17

**Application:**

1. Do not press His being the Lord so hard that you miss that \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do not press His friendship so hard that you see yourself \_\_\_\_\_

## Small Groups

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

Meets **April 5, 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 **April 5, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-8:00pm. Study on *The Treasure Principal* led by Clay Harden.

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

Meets **April 5, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:30-8:00pm. Study on the book of Romans led by Aaron Francis.

**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 **April 12, 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 **April 12, 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 **April 14, 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 (3/26)

#### **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

### Serving Next Week (4/2)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Elizabeth Brown

#### **Infants**

Jessica and Allison Mack

#### **Movers**

Madison Terry, Emily Gardiner

#### **Toddlers**

Melissa Bebelos,  
Kristina, Zach, and Trace Baranowski

#### **Ushers**

John Twibell, Thomas Miles, John Jones  
Tim Hicks, Caleb Johnson (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ryan Brown

#### **Evening**

Christine Darulla, Tiffany Lovezzola

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### TODAY:

**Covenanters Lunch immediately after morning worship.**

### **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:

We are looking for 4 people who are willing to help in the nursery once every 6 weeks. Please contact Melissa Miles if you are available to serve 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. Please contact Melissa Miles at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com) if you are able to serve.

**Vacation Bible School June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** Make plans now to join us for VBS! If you are interested in helping this year, please email Melissa Miles at [melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@firstprespooler.com).

### **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))
- **Nursery Coordinator:** Melissa Miles ([melissa@firstprespooler.com](mailto:melissa@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:**

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