



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**April 2, 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
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

*Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; But you, Lord, share your bread with sinners. Cleanse us and feed us this day, that we might be renewed by Your Word; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 103:1-4**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

## † Hymn of Praise

**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good  
Lord how thy wonders are displayed wher e'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from this is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that we can be thou God art present there

## † Invocation

## Scripture Memory for April

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

## 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

## “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that left Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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## Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5

*“But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.”*

## 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

## “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1846; music by Kevin Twit, © 1998 Kevin Twit Music.

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one lay down, your head upon My breast.  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in Him my resting place; And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, behold I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.  
I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, I am this dark worlds light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright.  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk til pilgrim days are done.

## † 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

Clay Harden, Elder

## Sermon

John 15:18-25

### “The Hatred of the World”

Rev. John Fender

## Hymn of Preparation

### “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

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1. On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
2. All o’er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound for the promised land.

## 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, 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.

## † Closing Hymn

### “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

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3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
(Repeat chorus)
4. When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Fathers face, and in His bosom rest?  
(Repeat chorus x2)

Chorus:

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound for the promised land.

## † 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 15:18-25**  
**“The Hatred of the World”**

*[18] “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. [20] Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. [21] But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. [22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. [23] Whoever hates me hates my Father also. [24] If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. [25] But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’*

**Why Christians are hated**

1. They are not “\_\_\_\_\_” Vs. 19
  
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ out of this world. Vs 19
  
3. They are \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus. Vs. 20-21
  - A. His \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. 22-23
  
  - B. His \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. 24-25

**Examples of being hated:**

**Why might I not be experiencing that hatred?**

**How to respond to hatred?**

## Small Groups

**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.

**Women's Morning Study:** 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **April 6, 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 **April 6, 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.

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

Meets **April 10, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck.

**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 (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

### Serving Next Week (4/9)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Jennifer Mullis, Emma Kornegay

#### **Movers**

TBD

#### **Toddlers**

Jennifer Johnson, Brie Goodwin,  
Tiffany & Tristan Lovezzola

#### **Ushers**

Zach Baranowski, Bob Glover, Mike Foley  
David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Jill Warfield, Maggie Banks

## Announcements for April 2<sup>nd</sup>

<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:

**New Members:** We are grateful to God for those who have recently become members of FPCP. Please take a moment after the service to welcome them.

Gerri Ann & Kris Robbins (daughter Berkeley),	Madison Terry
Madison & Andrew Crawley	Tonia Snelling
Hampton Watts	Courtney First
Kevin and Kristin Stegner (Emma and Beau)	

### 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).

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Children)** will meet **Wednesday, April 5th** from 9:30 -11:30 am at the church. Childcare is available. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Carlie Martin ([carliebmartin@gmail.com](mailto:carliebmartin@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Mullis ([jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com)).

**MOPs Mom's Night Out-** Downtown Savannah Scavenger Hunt on **Friday, April 7**. Time: To Be Determined. Moms will enjoy being on teams and solving clues that lead them around beautiful downtown Savannah. Afterwards, all the teams will meet up for coffee. If you are interested in this event, 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) for more information. You do not have to be a MOPS member to attend.

### 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))
- **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:**

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