



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

April 9, 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

To know you Lord Jesus, Give me a pure heart, that I may see Thee; A humble heart, that I may hear Thee; A heart of love, that I may serve Thee; A heart of faith, that I may abide in Thee. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him!

Leader: Tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name.

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

† Hymn of Praise

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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.

Unresting, unceasing, 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.

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.

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 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.

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 26:6-35

Hymn of Confession

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted”

Words by Joseph Swain, music by Kevin Twit; © 2013 Kevin Twit Music.

1. Come ye souls by, sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted, through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; mercy flows through Him alone.

2. Take His easy, yoke and wear it; love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it, while His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory, where His ransomed captives meet.

3. Blessèd are the, eyes that see Him, blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessèd are the, souls that trust Him, and in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments Then become their happy choice.

4. Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary, light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary, is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it, All who taste it, all who taste it Shall to rest immortal rise.

Tag: Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

Pastoral Prayer

1 John 5:14

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

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

“God of My Life to Thee I Call”

Words by William Cowper, 1731-1800; music by Benj Cocta, Clint Wells, & Brian T. Murphy; ©2007 Red Mountain Music.

God of my life, to Thee I call, afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Chorus:

*Poor though I am, despised, forgot yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And He is safe and must succeed for whom the Lord is sure to plead.*

Friend of the friendless and the faint, where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door invites the helpless and the poor! (*chorus*)

That were a grief I could not bear, didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God supports me under every load. (*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

Ryan Brown, Deacon

Sermon

John 15:25

“Hatred Without a Cause”

Rev. John Fender

† Closing Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(chorus)*
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(chorus)*
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

† 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 15:25
“Hatred Without a Cause”

[25] But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

Jesus was hated without a cause...

A. By the _____ of His day.

Reasons why we might be inclined to hate someone:

1. Their _____
2. The way they exercise _____
3. A person’s _____
4. A person’s _____
5. They are _____
6. Their _____

B. By _____ pouring out His wrath on the innocent lamb of God.

Propitiation

1 John 2:2, Hebrews 2:17, Romans 3:24-25, 1 John 4:10

How Jesus responded differently than David:

David called down judgment upon His enemies, but Jesus kept his _____ closed.
Isaiah 53:7-10

Small Groups

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.

Women's Morning Study: 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **April 13, 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 13, 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.

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.

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

Meets **April 17, 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 19, 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 19, 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 19, 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
Adult nursery workers serve during both the Sunday School hour and the Worship hour.*

Serving This Week (4/9)

Nursery Captain

Melissa Miles

Infants

Jennifer Mullis, TBD

Movers

Emma Kornegay, Allison Mack

Toddlers

Jennifer Johnson, Tiffany & Tristan Lovezzola

Ushers

Bob Glover, Mike Foley, Tim Hicks,
David Salser, David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ken Hayes

Evening

Jill Warfield, Maggie Banks

Serving Next Week (4/16)

Nursery Captain

9:30 – Elizabeth Brown 11:00 – Charity Miles

Infants

9:30-Shirley Foley, Mandy King, Keightley Daniels
11:00 - TBD

Movers

9:30 -Emma Kornegay, Faith Eck
11:00 - Madison Terry, TBD

Toddlers

9:30- Morgan Christopher, Leah & Suzanne
Underwood, Cara Pommerenck
11:00 - Jill Warfield, TBD, TBD, TBD

Ushers

9:30-Steve Mack, John Twibell, Jacob Terry,
Travis Cope (Deacon on Duty)
11:00-Mike Foley, John Jones, Thomas Miles,
James Hardison, TBD (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ryan Brown (9:30) Kevin Eck (11:00)

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THIS WEEK:

Community Egg Hunt Saturday April 15th- 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.

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.

COMING SOON:

Easter Service April 16th- 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 if you are able to serve.

Save the Date: Discipleship Emphasis Weekend

Christ Jesus has called us to make disciples. Therefore, we take one weekend a year to think carefully about that calling He has placed upon every Christian. Makes plans to join us on the weekend of **May 5-7**.
Look for details soon!

Vacation Bible School June 12th-16th **VBS Applications are now being accepted!** You can apply online through our website: fpcpooler.org/vbs Make plans now to join us for VBS! If you are interested in helping this year, please email Melissa Miles at 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)
- **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)
- **Director of Youth Ministries:** Aaron Francis (afrancis777@gmail.com)
- **Nursery Coordinator:** Melissa Miles (melissa@firstprespooler.com)
- **Event Coordinator:** Melissa Miles (melissa@firstprespooler.com)
- **Administrative Assistant:** Crystal Twibell (crystal@firstprespooler.com)
- **Director of Korean Ministries:** Rev. Cheol Kim (kchjdm@gmail.com)

Our Denomination:

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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