



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**April 23, 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

*O great and merciful God, our Creator and our Redeemer, Help us to sing your praise gladly this morning, And to worship you in spirit and in truth; That we may give you praise with our whole heart, mind, self, and strength, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

### † Hymn of Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
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### † 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 27:1-29

## Hymn of Confession

## “Jesus! What a Friend For Sinners”

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins. *(chorus)*

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(chorus)*

4. Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. *(chorus)*

## 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

## “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson 1882, music by Christopher Miner; © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

## † 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

Stephen Mullis, Deacon

## Sermon

John 15:26-16:4

### “The Holy Spirit’s Work in Helping Us”

Rev. John Fender

## † Closing Hymn

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1. ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! *(Refrain)*

3. Yes ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *(Refrain)*

4. I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end. *(Refrain)*

## † 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 15:26-16:4

### “The Holy Spirit’s Work in Helping Us”

*[26] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. [27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. [1] “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. [3] And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. [4] But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.*

#### Reminder from our study of John 14

The God of the Bible is one God in who exists in three Persons

The Holy Spirit is not a power but a person

The Spirit is the Helper

Context of this Promise of the Coming of the Holy Spirit: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Four Observations about the Holy Spirit:

1. Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. Vs. 26

2. \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father. Vs. 26

3. \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus. Vs. 26

4. The Spirit is with us in our \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus, especially as troubles come.  
Vs. 27

## Small Groups

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

Meets **April 24, 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 26, 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 26, 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 28, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philipians, Led by John Fender.

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

Meets **May 1, 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 **May 3, 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 **May 3, 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 **May 3, 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:** Has concluded for the spring.

**Women's Evening Study:** Has concluded for the spring.

## 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 (4/23)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Lacy Hicks, Grace Miles

#### **Movers**

Scott Terry, Rebecca Stanton

#### **Toddlers**

Leah & Suzanne Underwood,  
YoungJu & Dohwan Kim

#### **Ushers**

Zach & David Baranowski, David Salser,  
Anders Martin, Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Tina Glover, Shirley Foley

### Serving Next Week (4/30)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Maggie Banks

#### **Infants**

Marsha Grovenstein, Catherine Fender

#### **Movers**

Jasmine Hill, Caroline Fender

#### **Toddlers**

Morgan Christopher,  
Joel & Nathan Daniels

#### **Ushers**

Richard Parks, Thomas Miles, James Hardison,  
Scott Terry, Travis Cope (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Jeff Wilhelm

#### **Evening**

Kim Hayes, Leslie Fender

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### 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) Play date at Hunter Cattle Company: Wednesday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10am. This playdate will include a farm tour, hay ride, educational talk, and we will plan to eat a picnic lunch. The cost is \$7 per person. You do not have to be a member of MOPS to attend. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP 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).

### COMING SOON:

**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 an Evite in your inbox this week!

FPCP will have a co-ed **church softball team** again this summer in a church softball league. Practices will begin in **May**. If you are interested in playing please contact Jeff Wilhelm at [jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com).

**Vacation Bible School June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** **VBS Applications are now being accepted!** You can apply online through our website: [fpcpooler.org/vbs](http://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](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.”

### Update on New Sanctuary

We are excited to report that the contract to build our new sanctuary (to occupy the current warehouse space) and to renovate our current sanctuary to include a social hall and three new classrooms has been awarded.

The expected timeline of events is as follows:

Construction starts April 24

Phase 1 Complete: Move into new sanctuary in late July

Phase 2 Complete: Classrooms, Social Hall and new kitchen completed mid-August.

You can see a basic drawing of both phases out in the foyer.

# 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:**

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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