



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**May 21, 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 prepare our hearts for worship this morning; help us to set aside all of our worldly thoughts, worries, and desires, that our hearts might be set more and more on you, our Rock and our Refuge. Help us to see your goodness and mercy, that we would have our greatest delight in you alone. Remind us of the wonder and awe of being united to you, and our engagement to be yours for all of eternity. Amen.*

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 135:1-4**

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

## † Hymn of Praise

**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

## † Invocation

## Memory Verse for May

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Reading of Scripture

**Genesis 28:1-22**

## Hymn of Confession

## “Jesus, Lover of my Soul”

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Greg Thompson; ©2000, Greg Thompson Music.

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

## Pastoral Prayer

**Ephesians 6:18**

*“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”*

## Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

**Matthew 6:19-21**

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

**Children's Church:** 4 Year Olds are now released to Children's Church  
located in the Pre-K/Kindergarten Room.

## Offertory

## “Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart”

Words by John Newton, 1779; music by Wendell Kimbrough, 2004; © 2004 Red Mountain Music, ccli # 2765718

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart, hear what Christ the Savior says;  
Every word should joy impart, change thy mourning into praise:  
Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee, may he help thee to believe!  
Then thou presently wilt see thou hast little cause to grieve.

“Fear thou not, nor be ashamed, all thy sorrows soon shall end  
I who heav'n and earth have framed, am thy husband and thy friend  
I the High and Holy One, Israel's GOD by all adored;  
As thy Savior will be known, thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew, and thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew, thou shalt soon rejoice again:  
Though I scorn to hide my face, very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space, ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest-tossed, comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou canst be lost, thou art graven on my heart  
All thy walls I will repair, thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear, what a God of love can do.

### † 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

David Brodmann, Deacon

### Sermon

John 16:23-27

#### “Encouragement to Prayer”

Rev. John Fender

### † Hymn of Response

#### “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 16:23-27**  
**“Encouragement to Prayer”**

*[23] In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. [24] Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

*[25] ‘I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; [27] for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.*

**Hindrances to Prayer**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**The Christian is**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to pray. Vs. 24

Philippians 4:6  
Romans 12:12

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.

**What does Jesus mean by his statement ‘whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you’? Vs 23**

How extensive is ‘Whatever’?

What does it mean to pray in Jesus ‘name’?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ in Him and His word John 15:7
2. To ask according to \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 5:14-15
3. To truly \_\_\_\_\_ God answers prayers Mark 11:24
4. To pray for Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_, not yours

## Small Groups

**Augustine:** *Young adults:* Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the church. Meets **May 22, 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 **May 31, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00-8:00pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

**Calvin:** *For adults and families with young children:* **Has concluded for the spring.**

**Knox:** *For adults and families with school aged children:* **Has concluded for the spring.**

**Westminster:** *For adults and families with youth group age children:* **Has concluded for the spring.**

**Youth Group:** *For students in grades 6-12.* **Has concluded for the spring.**

**Covenanter:** *For those who have children out of the house, retired or entering retirement.* **Has concluded for the spring.**

**Men's Study:** **Has concluded for the spring.**

**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 (5/21)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Melissa Miles

#### **Infants**

Jennifer Mullis, Madison Harden

#### **Movers**

Karra and Autumn Harden

#### **Toddlers**

Jennifer Johnson,  
Tiffany & Tristan Lovezzola

#### **Ushers**

Steve Mack, David Salser, Anders Martin  
Mike Foley, David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Kimberly Cope, Keightley Daniels

### Serving Next Week (5/28)

#### **Nursery Captain**

Charity Miles

#### **Infants**

Mandy King, Amanda Brodmann

#### **Movers**

Cristina and Christopher Larson

#### **Toddlers**

Cara Pommerenck,  
Annie and Millie Twibell

#### **Ushers**

Scott Terry, Thomas Miles, Mike Foley  
James Hardison, Bob Sharp (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Jeff Wilhelm

#### **Evening**

No Service

## Announcements for May 21<sup>st</sup>

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 9:15 am  | Prayer Meeting        |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School         |
| 11:00 am | Morning Worship       |
| 5:30 pm  | Dinner & Discipleship |

### TODAY:

**Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm.** Please plan to attend. We will also have a VBS set up day Sunday afternoon, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing our volunteers this afternoon!

### 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).

**Pregnancy Care Center** of Rincon, Savannah Care, and the PCC of Richmond Hill

Volunteer Training- **Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am -2:00 pm**

At Coastal Bible Fellowship - 5513 McCall Road, Rincon, GA 31326

Care Net's "Serving With Care and Integrity" will be taught by Patrick Eades, Executive Director of Care Net Pregnancy Care Center of Coastal Georgia and Care Net consultant. The training is free for participants but the training manual is \$30. Please call 912-826-1133 to register.

### COMING SOON:

Sunday Evening Schedule:

May 21 Dinner and Discipleship at 5:30 pm

May 28 No Evening Service

June 4 Summer Kickoff Cookout at Tom Triplett Park

June 11 VBS Set up

FPCP has a co-ed **church softball team** this summer in a church softball league. If you are interested in playing please contact Jeff Wilhelm at [jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com). If you are able, please come support our team! The schedule is as follows:

|                   |         |                           |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Thursday- 5/25/17 | 6:30 pm | S. Newington Baptist      | Field 1 |
| Tuesday- 5/30/17  | 6:30 pm | at Alpha United Methodist | Field 1 |
| Monday- 6/5/17    | 7:45 pm | Purple Reign              | Field 3 |
| Thursday 6/8/17   | 7:45 pm | Islands                   | Field 3 |
| Monday- 6/12/17   | 6:30 pm | at Gateway                | Field 3 |
|                   | 7:45 pm | at Risen Savior Lutheran  | Field 3 |

Please be sure to turn in your **Elders and Deacon Nominations** this month. Forms are on the foyer table.

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Summer Play Dates** - You do not have to be a MOPS member to attend.

Please feel free to invite friends! For more details or to RSVP, send an email 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).

### Save the Date:

**Baby Shower for Kristin Stegner** (baby girl) **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am** at the church. Kristin is registered at Target & Amazon.

**Summer Kickoff Cookout**—Our summer church cookout will be the afternoon of **June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 pm** at Tom Triplett Park. Please bring a side dish to share. There is a signup sheet on the board in the hall. This is a great time of fellowship. You don't want to miss this exciting (wet) event!

# 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:**

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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