



# First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

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

**July 30, 2017**

## **Today's Schedule**

Prayer Meeting	10:15am ~ 10:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
Discipleship & Dessert	6:30 pm ~ 7:30 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 Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 73:23-26

Leader: I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

People: **You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me into glory.**

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

People: **My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

## † Hymn of Praise

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

## † Invocation

## Memory Verse for July

Ephesians 2:8-10

“[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

## Reception of Stephanie Shaw as a New Member by Profession of Faith

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## Covenant Baptism of

**Andrew Alton Collins, Child of Edith Shaw**

**Hannah Lynn Smith and Jane Elizabeth Shaw, Children of James and Stephanie Shaw**

### *Baptismal Vows for the Parents:*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### *Baptismal Vow for the Congregation*

Do you as a community of fellow believers undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## Hymn of Confession

## **“God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)”**

Words by Richard Redhead, music by Christopher Miner. ©Christopher Miner Music.

1. God be merciful to me. On Thy grace, I rest my plea.  
Plenteous in compassion Thou blot out my transgressions now.  
Wash me, make me pure within. Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess. Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I, Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil born in sin. Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art; teach Thy wisdom to my heart.  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow. Wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust. By Thy wrath and judgment just.  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice.  
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face. Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew. Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from thee. Let Thy Spirit dwell in me.  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

## Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

**Acts 20:35b**

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

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

## Offertory

## “Speak, O Lord”

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You; to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## † 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 18:19-24, 28-32

### “Our Sovereign, Suffering Savior, Part 3: Jesus on Trial”

Rev. John Fender

## † Closing Hymn

## “What Wondrous Love is This?”

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down  
Beneath Gods righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown  
For my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great I Am; while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

## † 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

### “Our Sovereign, Suffering Savior, Part 3: Jesus on Trial”

John 18:19-24, 28-32

[19] *The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. [20] Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. [21] Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” [22] When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” [23] Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” [24] Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.*

[28] *Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. [29] So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” [30] They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” [31] Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” [32] This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of this Trial

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#### 1. Jesus had a perfect \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The Messiah was to be \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Micah 5:2
- b. The Messiah was to be \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus was born so.  
Isaiah 7:14
- c. The appearance of the Messiah was to be preceded by a \_\_\_\_\_  
Malachi 3:1, Malachi 4:5
- d. The Messiah would be \_\_\_\_\_ by a close friend for thirty pieces of silver.  
Psalm 41:9  
Zechariah 11:12

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ should have been on trial

- 1 Peter 3:18
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

## **SIGN UP THIS WEEK FOR**

### **Small Groups at FPCP**

*Mature spiritually - connect relationally*

A small group gives you the additional opportunity to mature in your relationship with Jesus by going deeper in your study of God's word and to connect relationally with others who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We believe meeting in this setting will be a tremendous blessing to you and your family.

Our hope for each group is that they provide a place to...

- Practice our call to be disciplined and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
  - Share your needs and pray for one another.
  - Serve others by bearing one another's burdens.
  - Invite friends into the life of the church

Here is a list of the groups:

Covenanter's Group (*Children out of the home*)  
Westminster Group (*Adults with Middle and High School Aged Children*)  
Knox Group (*Adults with Elementary Aged Children*)  
Calvin Group (*Adults with Pre-school Aged Children*)  
Augustine Group (*Young Adults*)  
Rincon Group (*Families living in the Effingham County area*)  
Women's Morning and Evening Studies  
Men's Group  
Youth Group (*Middle and High School Aged kids*)

**Small Groups are on Summer Break- We will resume mid-August**

## **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 (7/30)**

#### **Nursery Captain**

Kim Hayes

#### **Infants**

Edna Gleason, TBD

#### **Movers**

Liz, Alexandra, & Samantha St. Lawrence

#### **Toddlers**

Miranda Oglesby, Anna Hayes

#### **Ushers**

Bob Sharp, Tim Hicks, David Baranowski,  
Anders Martin, David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Ken Hayes

#### **Evening**

Melissa Miles, Faith Eck

### **Serving Next Week (8/6)**

#### **Nursery Captain**

Elizabeth Brown

#### **Infants**

Jessica and Allison Mack

#### **Movers**

Madison Terry, TBD

#### **Toddlers**

Melissa Bebelos,  
Kristina & Trace Baranowski

#### **Ushers**

Bob Glover, John Twibell, Joel Daniels,  
James Hardison, Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

#### **Sound**

Jeff Wilhelm

#### **Evening**

Christine Darulla, Tiffany Lovezzola

## Announcements for July 30<sup>th</sup>

### TODAY

10:15 am Prayer Meeting & Copper Basin & Children's Church Meetings  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
6:30 pm Discipleship & Dessert – Come enjoy dessert provided by the church!

### 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).

**Stock the New Kitchen Registry** at Wal-Mart is up and running! Please consider helping stock our new facility with these needed kitchen items. If you have any questions please see Melissa. The registry can be accessed here: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com) then go Registry/Lists – then Lists & Special occasions – then search by “Melissa Miles” in Georgia. FPCP should be near the top of the list!

### COMING SOON:

#### Discipleship and Dessert

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Favorite Cookie/Bar

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Cake \*

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Favorite Dessert

\*Church provides dessert

**Save the Date! Ladies Fellowship** event on **Thursday evening, August 24<sup>th</sup>**. More details to come!

**Save the Date! Picnic in the Park, August 27, 4-8 pm** at Tom Triplett Park. Disc golf will start at 4 and cookout at 5:30. Please bring a side dish to share. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**MOPS -Workers Needed** - We are looking for ladies who would be willing to serve MOPS by working in the nursery. It would be the first and third Wednesdays of most months (August-May) from 9:30-11:30am. It is a paid position. If you are interested, 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)

**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).

MOPS Kids Workers Orientation- August 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:00 am at the church

Mom's Bible Study - August 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm at The Front Porch Coffee Shop

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night- Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

MOPS Open House- Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-11:30 am at the church

The women's ministry of the First Presbyterian Church Augusta (615 Telfair Street Augusta, GA 30901) is hosting Nancy Guthrie for her "**Even Better Than Eden**" Conference Friday, September 15, 2017 7:00 PM - **Saturday, September 16, 2017** 3:00 PM. More information and registration can be found on the church website <https://firstpresaugusta.org/> or see Maggie Banks for details.

**October 11-14th, Copper Basin Mission Trip.** Carl and Nancy Story will be leading a group to McCaysville, GA to minister to people in great need as the church did last year. The group will be making repairs and upgrades within homes, help with food and clothing, medical ministry, helping in missionary center, share the gospel and pray with people. FPCP wants to be a church that answers the call of God for those who are in need in accordance with God's Word (Mt. 25:34-40). If you interested in this trip or have any questions please contact Carl or Nancy Story at [carlandnancystory@gmail.com](mailto:carlandnancystory@gmail.com).

# 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, 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:**

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