

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK (1/7)

NURSERY CAPTAIN

Maggie Banks

INFANTS

Marsha Grovenstein, Catherine Fender

1 YEAR OLDS

Anders Martin, Sara Daniels

2 YEAR OLDS

Karra and Autumn Harden

TODDLER

Clay Harden, Jeff and Morgan Christopher

USHERS

David Baranowski, John Twibell, Bob Glover, James Hardison*,
Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

SOUND

Ryan Brown

EVENING

TBD, TBD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES NEXT WEEK (1/14)

NURSERY CAPTAIN

Kim Hayes

INFANTS

Edna Gleason, Emma Kornegay

1 YEAR OLDS

Brad Bandstra, Anna Hayes

2 YEAR OLDS

Scott Terry, TBD

TODDLER

Nate Warfield, Liz, Alexandra, & Samantha St. Lawrence

USHERS

John Jones, Jeff Christopher, Steve Mack, David Salser*,
David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

SOUND

Kevin Eck

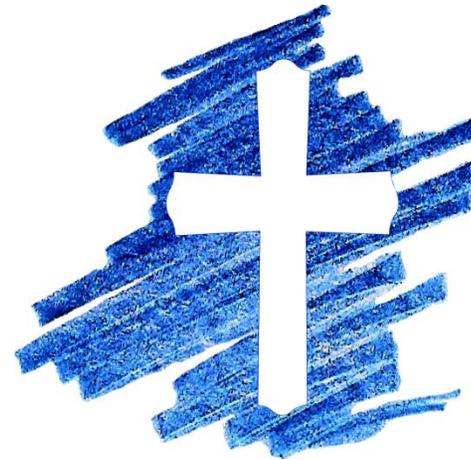
EVENING

TBD, TBD

*Front door

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**First
Presbyterian
Church**

Pooler, Georgia

The Lord's Day

JANUARY 7, 2018

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church!

VISITING TODAY?

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, please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate during the service. We do encourage children to be in and participate in our worship service, but we do have four 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.

PRAYER MEETING (10:15 - 10:45 AM)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP (11:00 AM - NOON)

-Nursery: Ages 0-3

-Children's Church: Ages 3-4, Children worship together with the congregation until the Offertory when they are dismissed with their teacher to train for worship with age-accessible prayers, hymns, and lessons.

EVENING WORSHIP (5:00 - 6:00 PM) Nursery: Ages 0-2

OUR PURPOSE & GOAL

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. In holding out the gospel we pray that God would save, sanctify and equip His people to serve.

WEBSITE

Visit www.fpcpooler.org for more about our beliefs and upcoming events. We also invite you to join us on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Pooler. Questions or more info? Contact crystal@firstprespooler.com

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. John D. Fender | **Elders:** Randy Grovenstein, Clay Harden, Caleb Johnson, Kelly Larson, Bob Sharp, Nate Warfield | **Deacons:** David Brodmann, Ryan Brown, Travis Cope, Kevin Eck, Ken Hayes, Anders Martin, Stephen Mullis, Scott Terry | **Staff:** Michael Brown, Discipleship Ministry | Rev. Cheol Kim, Korean Ministry

SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S 7:00 AM STUDY: Meets 2nd and 4th Friday mornings Chick-fil-A on Pooler Parkway | **January 12, 2018** | Study of John MacArthur's Twelve Ordinary Men | @ 7:00-7:45 am | Led by John Fender

CALVIN: For adults and families with young children: | Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays @ the church. | **January 15, 2018** | Dinner at 6:00 pm | Study @ 6:45-7:45 pm. | Led by Michael Brown | Childcare provided

KNOX: For adults and families with school aged children: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ FPCP | **January 17, 2018** | Led by Michael Brown

WESTMINSTER: For adults and families with youth group age children: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ FPCP | **January 17, 2018** | Led by John Twibell

YOUTH GROUP: For students in grades 6-12: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ FPCP | **January 17, 2018** | Led by Aaron Francis

MEN'S 6:30 AM STUDY: Meets 1st and 3rd Friday mornings Chick-fil-A on Pooler Parkway | **January 19, 2018** | Study of John MacArthur's Twelve Ordinary Men | @ 6:30-7:30 am | Led by John Fender

AUGUSTINE: Young adults: Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's at the church. | **January 23, 2018** | Dinner at 6:30 pm | Study on "Counterfeit Gods" @ 7:15-8:15pm. | Led by Kevin Eck.

COVENANTER: For those who have children out of the house, retired or entering retirement. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday | **January 24, 2018** | 6:30 pm at Carl & Nancy Story's home | Study of Galatians | Led by Bill Gleason

RINCON: For adults of all ages | Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Larson's home in Rincon. | **January 24, 2018** | Dinner at 6:00 pm | Study @ 6:45-7:45 pm. | Led by Michael Brown

WOMEN'S MORNING STUDY: | Thursday 9:30 -11:00 am | @ FPCP | Childcare provided. | **Resumes in February**

WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY: 10 week study | Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm | At the Fender's home | No childcare. | **Resumes in February**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nursery helpers needed! | We need 5 people to volunteer for the winter semester | Contact melissa@firstprespooler.com

Sunday School Break | January 7, 2018 | Sunday School resumes January 14.

Sunday Nights January 7 – February 4 | 5:00 pm | Family friendly worship service | Rev. Fender will be teaching on the late RC Sproul's book "Chosen by God" | This will be a great opportunity for us to consider the comfort that comes from resting in the sovereignty of God. | Nursery provided for ages 0-2

MOPS Meeting | Wednesday, January 17 | 9:30 -11:30 am | Interested? | Contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.Mullis23@gmail.com

Save the Date | MOPS Annual School Fair | Wednesday, January 24 | 9:30-11:30 am | Every year multiple options for Preschool through 12th grade gather in one place to answer all of your schooling questions! | Including Public, Private, home school and more! | This event is free and open to the public! | contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com

Discipleship and Dinner | resumes February 11

2018 Sign up for Meal Prep | Please consider helping with our Sunday evening meal prep! | Prep simply includes coming an hour early to help cook ,set up, & clean up afterwards | See Melissa for details | melissa@firstprespooler.com

Save the Date | Touch a Truck Fundraiser for MOPS | Saturday, February 17 | Details to follow

Order of 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.

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

"Thy Mercy My God"

Words by John Stoker, 1777; music by Sandra McCracken, 2001; ©Same Old Dress Music.

† INVOCATION

MEMORY VERSE FOR JANUARY

ISAIAH 43:1-2

[1] But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.[2] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

CORPORATE READING OF THE LAW OF GOD

Exodus 20:3-17; Matthew 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

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Words by Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-1892), music by Vikki Cook, © 1997 Sovereign Grace Music.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

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

OFFERTORY

"God of this City"

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† 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

LUKE 18:9-14

"A Call to Sober Judgment"

Michael Brown

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Words by Samuel Stennett, music by Christopher Miner, © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

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"

† 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

"A Call to Sober Judgment"

Luke 18:9-14 - Pew Bible Page #877

Luke 18:9-14. ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

1. **God calls his people to evaluate themselves with _____ judgment.**
 - a. **Rom. 12:3.** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
2. **Pride is _____ himself and _____ all others in comparison.**
 - a. For so blindly do we all rush in the direction of self-love that everyone thinks he has a good reason for exalting himself and despising all other in comparison. There is no other remedy than to pluck up by the roots those most noxious pests, self-love and love of victory... This the doctrine of Scripture does. For it teaches us to remember that the endowments which God has bestowed upon us are not our own, but His free gifts... (Calvin)
3. **_____ comes forth when we live for God's glory rather than self-glory.**
 - a. **Phil. 2:4-8.** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.