



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

January 1, 2017

Today's Schedule

Prayer Meeting	10:15 am ~10:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am ~ 12:00 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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech You, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Hymn of Praise

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find a voice,
(Refrain)

3. Thou flowing water pure and clear Make music for Thy Lord to hear
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright that givest man both warmth and light,
(Refrain)

4. All ye men of tender heart forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care
(Refrain)

5. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One
(Refrain)

† Invocation

Scripture Memory for January

James 1:2-4

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Hymn of Confession**“Come Ye Sinners”**

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
 He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
 True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
 Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall;
 If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
 Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
 All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him.
 This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
 Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
 None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

Pastoral Prayer**Matthew 7:7**

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Returning God's Tithes and Offerings**Matthew 6:1-4**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

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

Offertory**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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

Clay Harden, Elder

Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:17-24

“Necessity of the Word of God”

Michael Brown

Hymn of Response

“All Must Be Well”

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1. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us all must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding all must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying **all must be well**

† 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

1 Cor. 1:17-24

Necessity of the Word of God

1 Cor. 1:17-24. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1. God’s Word is the _____ to bring forth salvation.
 - Romans 10:17. So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ

2. God’s Word is the _____ of conforming us to his image.
 - John 17:17. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
 - Romans 12:2. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3. God’s Word is the _____ of God for our lives.

Our question must be: “What will be the central means of conforming us this year?”

Small Groups-2017

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

Meets **January 9, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck

Covenanter: *For those who have children out of the house, retired or entering retirement.* Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the church.

Meets **January 11, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:00-8:30pm. Study on *Christian Beliefs* led by Bob Sharp

Rincon: *For adults of all ages along with a class for youth.* Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Larson and Hill's home in Rincon.

Meets **January 11, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00-8:00pm. Study on the book of Romans led by Michael Brown

Men's Study: Meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Western Sizzlin.

Meets **January 13, 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 **January 16, 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 **January 18, 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 **January 18, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-8:00pm. Study on 1 Peter led by Clay Harden

Youth Group: *For students in grades 6-12.* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.

Meets **January 18, 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: 12 week study meeting every Thursday morning at the church. Childcare is provided.

Dates and time coming soon.

Women's Evening Study: 12 week study meeting every Thursday evening at the church. There is no childcare.

Dates and times coming soon.

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 (1/1)

Nursery Captain

Kim Hayes

Infants

Donna Francis, Catherine Fender

Movers

Keightley Daniels, Anna Hayes

Toddlers

Miranda Oglesby, Caroline Fender

Ushers

Clay Harden, Anders Martin, Tim Hicks,
Thomas Miles, Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Kevin Eck

Serving Next Week (1/8)

Nursery Captain

Elizabeth Brown

Infants

Jessica and Allison Mack

Movers

Tiffany and Tristan Lovezzola

Toddlers

Melissa Bebelos, Kristina, Zach, &
Trace Baranowski

Ushers

Travis Cope, John Twibell, David Baranowski,
Zack Baranowski, Ryan Brown
John Jones (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ken Hayes

Announcements for January 1st

Today: **10:15 am** **Prayer Meeting**
 11:00 am **Morning Worship**
 There will be no evening worship

COMING SOON:

Sunday School Break: Class will resume for everyone on January 8th at 10:00am.

Change concerning Junior and Senior High Sunday School:

Starting Sunday, **January 8, 2017**, we will be splitting the Jr/Sr High Sunday school class in an attempt to more specifically teach to both older and younger students. We are thrilled about this opportunity and trust the Lord will use it as we can give more age specific instruction to our children.

SAVE THE DATE: We have some fantastic events coming up in the new year! Please be sure to save the date!

PresWM Women's Workshop Sanctity of Life seminar -Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at RUF on Georgia Southern University's campus – Statesboro, GA. Email Crystal for more details
crystal@firstprespooler.com

Annual State of the Church Luncheon- Sunday, January 22 This is always an encouraging time of fellowship and reporting on God's goodness as we reflect on 2016 and makes plans for the coming year. Details to follow.

Marriage Emphasis Weekend- February 17-18 We are excited to announce our first marriage retreat! Details will be available in the next few weeks. This is one event you don't want to miss!

Volunteers Needed:

~**Nursery Workers Needed:** We need 4 volunteers to sign up to help in the nursery once every 6 weeks on Sunday Mornings. We also need 4 volunteers to sign up for Sunday Night nursery which would also be once every six weeks. Please contact Melissa Miles at melissa@firstprespooler.com if you can help.

~**In the sound booth:** No prior sound experience is needed, and you will be trained in what to do. If you are interested, please respond to Kevin Eck (eck_kevin@yahoo.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 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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