



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

January 29, 2017

Today's Schedule

Prayer Meeting	9:15 am ~ 9:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am ~ 10:45
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

Almighty God, You delight to pour out the riches of your grace and mercy on those who humble themselves before you. Fill us with the Holy Spirit this day. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-6

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him.

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.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
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.
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.
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 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.

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 24:1-12

Hymn of Confession

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art and ever more shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

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

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Chorus:

Men: For I am the Lord your God

Women: I am the Lord your God

Men: I am the Lord your God

Women: I Am

Unison: The Holy One of Israel Your Savior

(x2)

Men: I am the Lord

Women: Do not fear

Men: I am the Lord

Women: Do not fear

Men: I am the Lord

Women: Do not fear

Men: I am the Lord

Women: Do not fear

2. When you walk through the fire You’ll not be burned,
And the flames will not Consume you.
Do not fear, For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine. *(Repeat chorus)*
Unison: Do not fear.

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

Kevin Eck, Deacon

Sermon

John 15:1-5

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 3: Abiding in Christ”

Rev. John Fender

Closing Hymn

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

1. My faith has found a resting place from guilt my soul is freed
I trust the Ever-living One His wounds for me shall plead

Chorus:

*I need no other argument I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me*

2. Enough for me that Jesus saves; this ends my fear and doubt
Salvation by my Savior’s name salvation through his blood (*chorus*)

3. My heart is leaning on the Word the written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior’s name Salvation through His blood (*chorus*)

4. My great physician heals the sick the lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed for me His life He gave (*chorus*)

† 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 15:1-5

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 3: Abiding in Christ”

[1] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. [4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

What does it mean to bear fruit?

- 1) **Christ-like** _____ Galatians 5:22-23
- 2) **Thankful** _____ Hebrews 13:15
- 3) _____ **to those in need** Philippians 4:17, Romans 15:28
- 4) _____ Colossians 1:10
- 5) _____ 1 Corinthians 16:15

What would it look like to abide in Jesus?

- 1) **Abiding in Jesus means** _____ **on His grace.** John 15:3
- 2) **Union with Christ means being** _____ **to Him.** John 15:7-10
- 3) **Rest in the** _____ John 15:9, 13
- 4) **Submit to the** _____ **of God** John 15:2

Small Groups

Knox: *For adults and families with school aged children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.
Meets **February 1, 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 **February 1, 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 **February 1, 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 every Thursday morning beginning **February 2, 2017** at the church from 9:30am – 11:00am. Childcare is provided. The study is on *Ruth and Esther* led by Cindy Doud and Jill Warfield.
Books are in the office and cost \$7

Women's Evening Study: 12 week study meeting every Thursday evening beginning **February 2, 2017** at the church from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. There is no childcare. The study is on *Praying Together* led by Maggie Banks and Leslie Fender.
Books are in the office and cost \$8.

Calvin: *For adults and families with young children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the church.
Meets **February 6, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-7:45pm. Study on Romans led by Michael Brown.

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 **February 8, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 7:00-8:00pm. Study on the book of 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 **February 8 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:00-8:30pm. Study on *Finishing Our Course with Joy* led by Bill Gleason and Bob Sharp.

Men's Study: Meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Western Sizzlin.
Meets **February 10, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philippians, Led by John Fender.

Augustine: *Young adults:* Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Cope's home.
Meets **February 13, 2017** with dinner at 6:30pm and study from 7:15-8:15pm. Study on *Living a Godly Life* led by Kevin Eck.

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 (1/29)

Nursery Captain

Melissa Miles

Infants

Lacy Hicks, Faith & Grace Miles

Movers

Scott Terry, Rebecca Stanton

Toddlers

Leah & Suzanne Underwood,
Younglu & Dohwan Kim

Ushers

Kevin Eck, Tim Hicks,
John Jones, Thomas Miles,
David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ken Hayes

Evening

Jill Warfield, Maggie Banks

Serving Next Week (2/5)

Nursery Captain

Maggie Banks

Infants

Jasmine Hill, Catherine Fender,
Sara Daniels

Movers

Pasquale Italiano, Caroline Fender

Toddlers

Karla Italiano, Joel and Nathan Daniels

Ushers

John Twibell, Drew Holbrook,
Zach Baranowski, David Baranowski
Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ryan Brown

Evening

Kim and Travis Cope, Keightley Daniels

Announcements for January 29th

Today:	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Sunday School
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	5:30 pm	Dinner & Discipleship

TODAY:

Immediately after the service in the Youth Room we will be available to help you update your information on our church member app. Our photographer, Charity Miles, will be taking pictures for each family and Michael Brown will be available to help update your information. Please take a few minutes after the morning worship to do this.

Sunday Evening Dinner & Discipleship – Study on The Parables of Jesus

COMING SOON:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Children) will meet **Wednesday, February 1st**, from **9:30 -11:30 am** at the church. Childcare is available. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com

MOPS Mom's Night Out - Friday, February 10th - Valentine Cookie Swap at Leigh White's House. You do not have to be a member of MOPS to attend. For more details, please contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com

Marriage Emphasis Weekend- February 17th from **6:00pm-9:00pm** and **18th** from **9:00am-1:00pm** We are excited to announce our first marriage retreat! This is one event you don't want to miss! Please pick up a registration form today or access it on our website www.fpcpooler.org/marriage. Complimentary childcare registration is also on the website. We encourage you to register your children soon as there are a limited number of nursery spaces for Friday & Saturday. Please turn in your retreat registration and check to Crystal Twibell or Melissa Miles.

New Members Class: If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of First Pres. Pooler and are considering becoming a member, please join us for the four **Sundays in February** during the Sunday School time. A separate class will be held in which we cover four important topics: What is the church? What does it mean that we are Reformed? What does it mean that we are Presbyterian? And, How does this church do ministry? Let Pastor Fender (john@firstprespooler.com) or Crystal Twibell (crystal@firstprespooler.com) know if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed:

~**Nursery Workers Needed:** We need 2 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).

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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:

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