



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

February 5, 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

Loving God, You have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. We confess that Jesus Christ is the living bread that came down from heaven, the bread that a man may eat of and not die. Give us a hunger for your Word. Bring us news of your unfailing love; and a deeper awareness of our sin and need of you. We pray all of this in His name. Amen

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10, 12

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

† Hymn of Praise

“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.

† Invocation

Scripture Memory for February

Colossians 3:12-14

[12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Corporate Reading of the Law of God

Ex. 20:3-17; Matt. 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.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession

“Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted”

Words by Joseph Swain, music by Kevin Twit; © 2013 Kevin Twit Music.

1. Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, Through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through him alone.
2. Take his easy yoke and wear it; Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While his wisdom guides your feet
Safe to glory, Where his ransomed captives meet.
3. Blessed are the eyes that see him, Blest the ears that hear his voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust him, And in him alone rejoice:
His commandments Then become their happy choice.
4. Sweet as home to pilgrim's weary, Light to newly opened eyes,
Or full springs in deserts dreary, Is the rest the cross supplies:
All who taste it Shall to rest immortal rise.

Tag: Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5

“But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.”

Returning God's Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:6-8a

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you.”

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

Offertory

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

Words by Anne Cousin, based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters; traditional folk tune, arranged by Philip Palmertree; © 2001 Philip Palmertree Music.

1. The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for - the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.
2. The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land
3. O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.
4. O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit - I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.

† 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

John 15:1-4

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 4: Pruning”

Rev. John Fender

Hymn of Preparation

“The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”

1. The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He'll love.

2. His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

*Chorus: Love cannot from its post withdraw; nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

3. Love has redeemed His sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

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,[a] 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.[b]

[a]. Luk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26

[b]. 1 Cor 10:16-17

† Closing Hymn

“The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”

4. He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

*Chorus: Love cannot from its post withdraw; nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

5. At death, beyond the grave, He'll love; in endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.

Tag: Which never could from them remove.

† 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 15:1-4

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 4: Pruning”

[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.*

The Contrast:

Non-fruit bearing branches: _____

Fruit bearing branches: _____

Why prune?

1. It is not _____

Romans 8:1

2. It is because they are not _____

3. So they can _____

How does the Lord prune His people?

With the pruning knife of _____

Small Groups

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 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.

Women's Morning Study: 12 week study every Thursday morning meets **February 9, 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 available in the office for \$7

Women's Evening Study: 12 week study every Thursday evening meets **February 9, 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 available in the office for \$8.

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.

Knox: *For adults and families with school aged children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church.
Meets **February 15, 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 15, 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.

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 (2/5)

Nursery Captain

Maggie Banks

Infants

Lacy Hicks, Catherine Fender,

Sara Daniels

Movers

Pasquale Italiano, Caroline Fender

Toddlers

Karla Italiano, Joel & 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

Serving Next Week (2/12)

Nursery Captain

Kim Hayes

Infants

Donna Francis, TBD

Movers

Keightley Daniels, Anna Hayes

Toddlers

Miranda Oglesby, Liz, Alexandra, &
Samantha St. Lawrence

Ushers

Mike Foley, Jacob Terry, Scott Terry,
Bob Glover, Travis Cope (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Kevin Eck

Evening

Tina Glover, Faith Eck, Shirley Foley

Announcements for February 5th

Today:	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship
	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

Supper starts at 5:30 pm. Worship starts at 6:15 pm.

Adults will study The Parables of Jesus. Classes are provided for Pre-K through high school students.

A nursery is available for kids 3 and under

2016 Contribution Statements are available in the front hall. Those statements not picked up today will be mailed this week.

COMING SOON:

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 3 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:

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