



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

February 12, 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

O great and merciful God, our Creator and our Redeemer, Help us to prepare our hearts for worship this morning; Help us to set aside all of our worldly thoughts, worries, and desires, That our hearts might be set more and more on you, our Rock and our Refuge. Help us to see your goodness and mercy, that we would have our greatest delight in you alone. Remind us of the wonder and awe of being united to you, and our engagement to be yours for all of eternity. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

† Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Shall Reign"

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, til moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.
5. Where He displays His healing power, death and the curse are known no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost.
6. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

† 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.

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 24:13-28

Hymn of Confession

“Jesus Lover of my Soul”

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Greg Thompson; ©2000, Greg Thompson Music.

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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

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

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Words by Christopher Wordsworth, music by Christopher Miner; ©1997 Christopher Miner Music.

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God Triune.
2. On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.
3. Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;
A garden intersected with streams of paradise;
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry dreary sand;
From Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.
5. New graces ever gaining from this, our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

† 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

Travis Cope, Deacon

Sermon

John 15:7

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 5: Praying”

Rev. John Fender

† Closing Hymn

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1. ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise just to know, thus saith the Lord

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! (*Refrain*)

3. Yes ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. (*Refrain*)

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. (*Refrain*)

† 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 15:7

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 5: Praying”

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

The Connection between Abiding and Praying

Ask whatever you wish: Two Qualifiers

1. If _____

2. If _____

Why do my prayers not get answered?

1. We may not be praying according to God's will; 1 John 5:14
2. We have cherished sin that we will not let go from our lives; Psalm 66:18
3. We have man-centered motives; James 4:3
4. We do not believe that God will do it; Mark 11:24
5. God wants you to persevere; Luke 18:1
6. God is answering your prayer in a way you do not yet see; Daniel 10:12

How does God's word in us yield prayers that will be answered?

1. The Word abiding in us functions to _____ our prayers. 1 John 5:14

2. The Word abiding in us functions to _____. Romans 10:17 Mark 11:24

3. The Word abiding in us functions to _____ us. Psalm 66:18 and James 4:3

Small Groups

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.

Meets **February 15, 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 meets **February 16, 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 16, 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.

Calvin: *For adults and families with young children:* Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the church.

Meets **February 20, 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 22, 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 22, 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 24, 2017** from 7:00-7:45am. Study on Philippians, Led by John Fender.

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 (2/12)

Nursery Captain

Kim Hayes

Infants

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

Serving Next Week (2/19)

Nursery Captain

Elizabeth Brown

Infants

Jessica & Allison Mack

Movers

Madison Terry, Emily Gardiner

Toddlers

Melissa Bebelos, Kristina, Zach, &
Trace Baranowski

Ushers

Richard Parks, Steve Mack, David Salser,
James Hardison, Bob Sharp (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ken Hayes

Evening

Kim Hayes, Melissa Miles

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TODAY:

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 children 3 and under

THIS WEEK:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschool Children) will meet **Wednesday, Feb. 15th**, from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. 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

Marriage Emphasis Weekend- February 17th from 6:00pm-9:00pm and 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm 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.

COMING SOON:

MOPS Playdate: Tuesday, February 21st- 10:00-11:00 am at Get Air Savannah Trampoline Park for Toddler Tuesday. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you are interested in this playdate, please contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com for more details!

Youth Service Event: Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm PFC youth will have a service project. Lunch is included. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am and carpool to the work site. Bring work gloves! See Aaron Francis for details.

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).

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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:

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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