



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

February 26, 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 92:1-4

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.”

† Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

1. Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

† 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 24:29-49

Hymn of Confession

“Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace”

Words by D. Herbert, 1838; music by Brian T. Murphy and Clint Wells, 2004; ©Red Mountain Music, ccli #2765718

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, And plead what he has done.

“How can I come?” Some soul may say, “I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk.”

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Though lost, and blind, and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, And ever was the same.

Chorus:

*He makes the dead to hear his voice; He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost he came to save, And set the prisoner free. Set them free*

Come boldly to the throne of grace, For Jesus fills the throne;
And those he kills he makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.

Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know The hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; The Lord will take you in. *(chorus x2)*

Pastoral Prayer

John 14:13-14

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Words by Hortius Bonar, 1861; music by Kevin Twit; ©2001 Kevin Twit Music.

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!

3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do,
No strength save that, which is divine, can bear me safely through.

4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

5. I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light
‘Tis He Who saveth me, and freely pardon gives
I love because he loveth me, I live because He lives!

† 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

Caleb Johnson, Deacon

Sermon

John 15:8

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 6: Fruit Bearing to the Glory of God”

Rev. John Fender

† Closing Hymn

“Thy Mercy My God”

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

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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† 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

“Living Connected to Jesus, Part 6: Fruit Bearing to the Glory of God” John 15:8

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

God _____ His people to continually bear fruit

Psalm 92:12-15

Psalm 1:3

Connection to _____

John 15:7, *“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”*

John 15:16, *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”*

Why bear fruit?

1. To _____

2. To _____ our Father in heaven

Psalm 19:1-2

Isaiah 6:3

John 1:14

Hebrews 1:3

Why is that not selfishness on God’s part?

1.

2.

Small Groups

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

Meets **February 27, 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 **March 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 **March 1, 2017** with dinner at 6:00pm and study from 6:45-8:00pm. Study on *The Treasure Principle* led by Clay Harden.

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

Meets **March 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 meets **March 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 available in the office for \$7

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

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

Meets **March 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 **March 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 **March 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 **March 10, 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 (2/26)

Nursery Captain

Melissa Miles

Infants

Donna Francis, Emma Kornegay

Movers

Karra and Autumn Harden

Toddlers

Jennifer Johnson, Brie Goodwin, Tiffany
and Tristan Lovezolla

Ushers

Anders Martin, Tim Hicks, Thomas Miles
Joel Daniels, Caleb Johnson (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Kevin Eck

Evening

Christine Darulla, Tiffany Lovezolla

Serving Next Week (3/5)

Nursery Captain

Charity Miles

Infants

Mandy King, Amanda Brodmann,
Annie Twibell

Movers

Cristina & Christopher Larson

Toddlers

Cara Pommerenck, Anders Martin,
Millie Twibell

Ushers

Drew Holbrook, David & Zach Baranowski John Jones,
David Brodmann (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ryan Brown

Evening

Maggie Banks, Jill Warfield

Announcements for February 26th

Today:	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting
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	5:30 pm	Dinner & Discipleship

TODAY:

Covenanter's Luncheon This Sunday— The Covenanter's small group will have a lunch after the service this Sunday. The Rincon small group is invited to join them today as well.

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, March 1st** 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

COMING SOON:

MOPS Ladies Night Out-Self Defense Class will be **Friday, March 10th** from 7-9pm at the church. An instructor from Wescott's Martial Arts Academy will be teaching an instructional class. Be sure to wear workout clothes. There will be a small fee to attend, but we will not know the exact amount until closer to the event. This event is open to any lady that would like to attend. Please RSVP with and get more details from Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com

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.

Baby Shower for Stephanie Shaw—On **Saturday, March 11th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be a baby shower at the church for baby Jane Shaw daughter of James and Stephanie Shaw arriving in May. The Shaw's are registered at Target. If you can attend please let Melissa know at melissa@firstprespooler.com.

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 Goals:

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

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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