



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

May 28, 2017

Today's Schedule

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

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be transformed by your Word through the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. That which we need to learn, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. We come this day to worship you. Bless our time this morning as we seek you and call on your name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

† Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing, His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

† Invocation

Memory Verse for May

Hebrews 12:1-2

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 29:1-30

Hymn of Confession

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

3. I need your presence, every passing hour.
What but your grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Pastoral Prayer

Matthew 21:22

“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

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

“The Gospel is Good News Indeed”

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The gospel is good news indeed, to sinners deep in debt;
The man who has no works to plead, will thankful be for it.
To know that when he's nought to pay, His debts are all discharged,
Will make him blooming look as May, and set his soul at large.

No news can be compared with this, to men oppressed with sin;
Who know what legal bondage is, and labor but in vain.
Freedom from sin and Satan's chains, and legal toil as well,
The gospel sweetly now proclaims; which tidings suit them well.

How gladly does the prisoner hear, what gospel has to tell!
'Tis perfect love that casts out fear, and brings him from his cell.
The man that feels his guilt abound, And knows himself unclean,
Will find the gospel's joyful sound, is welcome news to him.

† 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

Bob Sharp, Deacon

Sermon

John 16:28-33

“A Reason to Have Peace”

Rev. John Fender

† Hymn of Response

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us. Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God
5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

† 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
“A Reason to Have Peace”
John 16:28-33

[28] I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”[29] His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! [30] Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” [31] Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? [32] Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33] I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Jesus’ Trial: _____ **Vs. 32**

Jesus’ Comfort: Alone but _____ **Vs. 32**

What’s true of Jesus our Representative _____

Deuteronomy 31:8

Joshua 1:5

Hebrews 13:5

Jesus’ Promise: _____ **in a troubled world Vs. 33**

Small Groups at FPCP

Mature spiritually - connect relationally

A small group gives you the additional opportunity to mature in your relationship with Jesus by going deeper in your study of God's word and to connect relationally with others who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We believe meeting in this setting will be a tremendous blessing to you and your family.

Our hope for each group is that they provide a place to...

- Practice our call to be disciplined and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - Share your needs and pray for one another.
 - Serve others by bearing one another's burdens.
 - Invite friends into the life of the church

Here is a list of the groups:

Covenanter's Group (*Children out of the home*)
Westminster Group (*Adults with Middle and High School Aged Children*)
Knox Group (*Adults with Elementary Aged Children*)
Calvin Group (*Adults with Pre-school Aged Children*)
Augustine Group (*Singles, married couples and parents with newborns*)
Rincon Group (*Families living in the Effingham County area*)
Women's Morning and Evening Studies
Men's Group
Youth Group (*Middle and High School Aged kids*)

Small Groups are on Summer Break- We will resume mid-August

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 (5/28)

Nursery Captain

Charity Miles

Infants

Jennifer Mullis, Lacy Hicks

Movers

Cristina and Christopher Larson

Toddlers

Leah Underwood,
Annie & Millie Twibell

Ushers

Scott Terry, Thomas Miles, Mike Foley,
James Hardison, Bob Sharp (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ryan Brown

Evening

No Service

Serving Next Week (6/4)

Nursery Captain

Melissa Miles

Infants

Lacy Hicks, Grace Miles

Movers

Scott Terry, Faith Miles

Toddlers

Cara Pommerenck,
YoungJu & Dohwan Kim

Ushers

Joel Daniels, Jacob Terry, Tim Hicks John Jones,
Travis Cope (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Jeff Wilhelm

Evening

No Service

Announcements for May 28th

TODAY

9:15 am Prayer Meeting
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
- No Sunday Evening Worship-

THIS WEEK:

We are looking for 4 people who are willing to help in the nursery once every 6 weeks. Please contact Melissa Miles if you are available to serve at melissa@firstprespooler.com.

COMING SOON:

Baby Shower for Kristin Stegner (baby girl) **June 3rd, 10:00 am** at the church. Kristin is registered at Target & Amazon.

Sunday Evening Schedule:

June 4th - Summer Kickoff Cookout—Our summer church cookout will be the afternoon of **June 4th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm** at Tom Triplett Park. Please bring a side dish to share. There is a signup sheet on the board in the hall. This is a great time of fellowship. You don't want to miss this exciting (wet) event!

June 11th VBS Set up

Discipleship and Dessert

June 18th - Ice Cream Sundaes*

June 25th – Bite Size Desserts

July 2nd - 4th of July Themed*

July 9th - Fruit Cobbler

July 16th – Trifle*

July 23rd – Fruit Salad

July 30th – Poke Cake*

August 6th – Favorite Cookie/Bar

August 13th – Cake *

August 20th – Favorite Dessert

*Church provides dessert

FPCP has a co-ed **church softball team** this summer in a church softball league. If you are interested in playing please contact Jeff Wilhelm at jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com. If you are able, please come support our team! The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday- 5/30/17	6:30 pm	at Alpha United Methodist	Field 1
Monday- 6/5/17	7:45 pm	Purple Reign	Field 3
Thursday 6/8/17	7:45 pm	Islands	Field 3
Monday- 6/12/17	6:30 pm	at Gateway	Field 3
	7:45 pm	at Risen Savior Lutheran	Field 3

Please be sure to turn in your **Elders and Deacon Nominations** this month. Forms are on the foyer table.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Summer Play Dates - You do not have to be a MOPS member to attend.

Please feel free to invite friends! For more details or to RSVP, send an email to either Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com.

Tybee Island Marine Center Playdate - May 31st 10-11:30am

Summer Splash Party - June 7th 9:30am-12pm at Jennifer Nash's house

Mom's Bible Study June 29th, July 20th, Aug 17th 7-9pm at The Front Porch Coffee Shop

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Monday, Aug 21st

MOPS Open House Wednesday, Aug 23rd 9:30-11:30 at the church

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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