



First Presbyterian Church

Pooler, Georgia

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

August 6, 2017

Today's Schedule

Prayer Meeting	10:15am ~ 10:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
Discipleship & Dessert	6:30 pm ~ 7:30 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

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. 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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Trinity Hymnal # 119

1. I sing th'almighty power of God that made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good
Lord how your wonders are displayed wher e'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care
And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there

† Invocation

Memory Verse for August

John 17:1-3

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You;
Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness;
And all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our fellow men.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
And of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life;
Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Confession

“How Deep the Father’s Love Toward Us”

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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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 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

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

Offertory

“For The Beauty of the Earth” Trinity Hymnal # 116

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, Sun and moon, and stars of light. *(Refrain)*

3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind’s delight
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight. *(Refrain)*

4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. *(Refrain)*

5. For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely giv’n,
Graces human and divine, Flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n. *(Refrain)*

† 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 18:33-40

“Our Sovereign, Suffering Savior, Part 4: The Kingdom of Christ ”

Rev. John Fender

Hymn of Preparation

“The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”

Words by William Gadsby, music by Sandra McCracken; © 2001 Same Old Dress Music.

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.*

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

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.

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.(Repeat chorus)

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

“Our Sovereign, Suffering Savior, Part 4: The Kingdom of Christ”

John 18:33-40

33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." 37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. 39 But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

What do we learn about the Kingdom of Christ?

1. Jesus is indeed _____ Vs. 33-34

2. His kingdom is a _____ kingdom Vs. 35-36

A. His kingdom expands not by _____, but by _____ Vs. 36

B. His kingdom is not entered on the basis of an _____ righteousness,
but by imputed righteousness than manifests _____ Vs. 37-38

Application: The Christian must understand that they live in _____ but under one king

SIGN UP THIS WEEK FOR

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 (*Young Adults*)
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 (8/6)

Nursery Captain

Elizabeth Brown

Infants

Jennifer Mullis

Movers

Madison Terry, Gerri Ann Robbins

Toddlers

Melissa Bebelos

Ushers

Bob Glover, John Twibell, Joel Daniels,
James Hardison, Stephen Mullis (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Jeff Wilhelm

Evening

Melissa Miles, Tiffany Lovezzola

Serving Next Week (8/13)

Nursery Captain

Melissa Miles

Infants

Madison Harden

Movers

Karra and Autumn Harden

Toddlers

Jennifer Johnson, Tiffany & Tristan Lovezzola

Ushers

Mike Foley, John Jones, Thomas Miles
Scott Terry, Randy Grovenstein (Deacon on Duty)

Sound

Ken Hayes

Evening

Jill Warfield, Maggie Banks

Announcements for August 6th

TODAY

10:15 am Prayer Meeting & Copper Basin & Children's Church Meetings
11:00 am Morning Worship
6:30 pm Discipleship & Dessert – Bring you favorite cookie or bar to share!

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.

Stock the New Kitchen Registry at Wal-Mart is up and running! Please consider helping stock our new facility with these needed kitchen items. If you have any questions please see Melissa. The registry can be accessed here: www.walmart.com then go Registry/Lists – then Lists & Special occasions – then search by “Melissa Miles” in Georgia. FPCP should be near the top of the list!

Back to Sunday School next Sunday, August 13 at 10 am!

COMING SOON:

MOPS Mom's Bible Study - August 17th 7-9pm at The Front Porch Coffee Shop. Contact Carlie Martin at carliebmartin@gmail.com or Jennifer Mullis at jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com for more details.

MOPS Chick-fil-a Fundraiser on Monday, August 21 from 5:30 - 7:00pm at the Pooler Chick-fil-a: Bring the entire family and all of your friends to support Pooler MOPS. Dine in, carry out and drive-thru all count! It's a great way to help support MOPS and have a yummy dinner so you don't have to cook! See Jennifer Mullis (jennifer.mullis23@gmail.com) or Carlie Martin (carliebmartin@gmail.com) for more information.

MOPS Open House on August 23 from 9:30 - 11:30am at FPC Pooler. Come learn more about MOPS and sign up for the 2017-18 MOPS session! This event is also where you will register your child(ren) for childcare. Space is limited. MOPS meets on the first and third Wednesdays of most months from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Pooler. Snacks and activities will be provided to entertain the children while you chat and fill out registration forms.

Save the Date! Ladies Fellowship event on **Thursday evening, August 24th**. More details to come!

Save the Date! End of Summer Cookout, August 27, 5-7:30 pm at Tom Triplett Park. Disc golf will start at 4. Please bring a side dish to share. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The women's ministry of the First Presbyterian Church Augusta (615 Telfair Street Augusta, GA 30901) is hosting Nancy Guthrie for her "**Even Better Than Eden**" Conference Friday, September 15, 2017 7:00 PM - **Saturday, September 16, 2017** 3:00 PM. More information and registration can be found on the church website <https://firstpresaugusta.org/> or see Maggie Banks for details.

October 11-14th, Copper Basin Mission Trip. Carl and Nancy Story will be leading a group to McCaysville, GA to minister to people in great need as the church did last year. The group will be making repairs and upgrades within homes, help with food and clothing, medical ministry, helping in missionary center, share the gospel and pray with people. FPCP wants to be a church that answers the call of God for those who are in need in accordance with God's Word (Mt. 25:34-40). If you interested in this trip or have any questions please contact Carl or Nancy Story at carlandnancystory@gmail.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, 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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