FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

WELCOME TO FPC MARIETTA
This church welcomes you no matter who you are or from where you come. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place. Our doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, we can learn together. We invite you to return often.

Friendship Pad
Whether you are a member, a long-time visitor, or just passing by, please sign the friendship pad at the end of your row.

Children in Worship
The nursery is available for children ages six weeks through 4 years old from 9:30am-12:15pm. Children are invited to pick up worship items from the blue cart at the entrance to the Sanctuary and Great Hall. Following the Children's Time during the 11:00 service, children in Pre-K through 1st grade may go to Children's Church.

Stephen Ministers On-Call
A Stephen Minister is on call each Sunday morning from 10:00am through 12:00pm. If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister during that time, please see the front desk or one of the Deacons on duty, and they will locate them for you.

Join us
New members are received each month in worship.
If you are interested in joining, please contact Matt Burnham at mattburnham2021@gmail.com.

Chancel Flowers
There are dates available this fall to provide flowers for worship. For more information, please contact Mary Anne Lanier at 17lanier@gmail.com

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

During the time after Pentecost, the color green typically marks the Sanctuary. However, as today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, notice that the color white marks the communion table, pulpit, and the pastors' robes. The color white is reserved for those Sundays of great celebration, so let us approach His table with joy, worshiping God with gladness!

Gathering Music *Praise the Lord* | Karg-Elert

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Surely the Lord Is in This Place* | Colvin

***Call to Worship (Psalm 19)**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
And the universe proclaims his handiwork.
The majesty of each day displays God's power.
And the stars of night inspire wonder and praise.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy God,
We sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," yet too often, we defile the beauty of your creation.
The heavens declare your handiwork, but we view the universe through a cracked lens.
Darkness permeates our hearts, so that the goodness in all you inhabit is unrecognizable.
Lord Jesus, help us to see others as a reflection of your perfection, made in your image.
Spirit, expand our capacity to love. Open our hearts to receive the beauty in all that is around us.
In this silence, hear our confession…

Assurance of Forgiveness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning.
Great is his faithfulness.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Note: Leaders: regular font | **People: bold font** | *Those who are able, please stand.

***Gloria Patri** No. 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(11:00am) **Children's Message**

***Hymn of Praise** No. 336 *We Gather Together*

Stewardship Video 2027

Offering/Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* | Larson

***Doxology** No. 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* | Mozart

"Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen."

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings (NRSV)
Exodus 20: 1-17 | Matthew 21:33-43

The Word of the Lord. | **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *"Tenants"*
Rev. Dr. Joe Evans | Senior Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith** | *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. | **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. | **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks, O God, creator and sustainer of life.
You formed us in your image, entered into covenant with your people dwelt among them in the wilderness; and led them to the promised land.
When your people turned away, You sent prophets to call them back.
You have been faithful in every age,and we lift our voices in praise, saying…

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest…

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

The Distribution

Prayer of Commitment

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Sending Hymn** No. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction *The Peace of God* | Rutter

Sending Music *Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord* | Walther

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate Pastor
Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor | Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor
Acolyte 8:30am, 11am: Deacon | 11am Scripture Reader: Catherine Sherwood
Beadle 8:30am: Lynne Sloop | 11am: Beverly Kelly
Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | The Chancel Choir
Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts, Principal Organist
Church Street Brass | The Chancel Choir | Collen Crotty, Assistant Director
AV 8:30 | 11am AV: Bennett Sherwood, CJ Song, Will Myers

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in living memory of their parents, Bob and Marie Fowler and Elder and Willie Mae Bramblett, by Ann and Bobby Fowler.

2027

BEYOND THESE WALLS

FPC STEWARDSHIP

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

FPC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2026 Annual Budget: $2,402,702 (as of 8/31/2026)

Pledges Update %Pledges received (to budget)	Current Month-August 76.17%	Year-To-Date 74.11%
Budget Update	Current Month (August)	Year-To-Date
Total Revenues:	$167,269.83	$1,740,602.28
Total Expenses:	$218,130.11	$1,533,051.57
Net Total:	($ 50,860.28)	$ 207,550.71

SAVE THE DATE

KIRKIN OF THE TARTAN + FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 8

8:30am + 11am Worship Services will be held in the Great Hall

Breakfast will be served at 9:30am in Holland Hall

Sign up to carry a tartan/banner in the Gathering Space on 10/4, 10/11 and 10/18

FPC MARIETTA MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 4-6pm | Great Hall

Rise Against Hunger works in countries around the globe to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. This fall, FPC Marietta will package 17,000 meals to donate abroad. We need your support to achieve this goal! Scan the QR code to volunteer to pack meals or help with event set up/clean up. Visit the Gathering Space or email 17lanier@gmail.com for more information.

CHALKTOBERFEST 2026

October 10-11, 2026 | Marietta Square

Park at FPC to support our Youth Program

EXPLORING GENESIS: SPECIAL SERIES STARTS TODAY

LED BY RABBI STEVEN LEBOW, RABBI EMERITUS AT TEMPLE KOL EMMET

Sundays in October | 9:45am | Holland Hall

Join us for an interactive study of Genesis. Bring your Bibles and questions as we read these familiar stories in a new light. All are welcome. Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend together.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25, 2026 | 4-6pm

Kick off your Halloween festivities at our Trunk or Treat event! Scan the QR code to sign up to host a trunk or donate treats.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL + YOUTH MEETINGS ARE BACK!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

3-4 Years Old | 9:45am | Patten Bldg | Room 104

K-1st Grade | 9:45am | Speed Bldg | Room 232

2nd-3rd grade | 9:45am | Cotton Bldg | Room 203

4th -5th grade | 9:45am | Cotton Bldg | Room 216

YOUTH MEETINGS

9/27 | Youth Meeting | 5-7pm | Youth Room

10/4 | Volunteer for Rise Against Hunger

10/10-11 | Chalktoberfest Parking Fundraiser

10/18 | Youth Meeting | 5-7pm | Youth Room

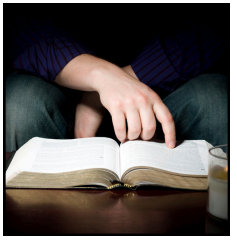
FEED THE YOUTH

At FPC, we believe in building relationships across generations. Sign up to bring dinner to a Youth Meeting on Sunday evenings. Home-cooked meals or take-out is welcome, and we will cover the cost of the food! Stay for the meeting, share a meal and make meaningful connections.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, November 1 | 8am-1pm | Holland Hall
Give the gift of life! Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment to donate blood during our Red Cross Blood Drive. Donors will receive a $10 Amazon gift card by mail, earn 200 bonus points toward Blood Donor Rewards and receive free A1C testing.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Tuesdays | 9:30am-Noon | Room 55
Navigate these three chapters of the book of Matthew as they were originally heard and intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Questions? Contact Linda Bush at 770-856-8443 or newbush@comcast.net.

ANCHORED: A BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR 30s + 40s
10/1, 10/15, 10/29 | 7:30-9pm | Home of Joel + Aryl Schroter
Bring your own Bible and beverage, as well as an appetizer to share. Young families with kids are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Blaine Clotfelter at blaineclotfelter@gmail.com.



FPC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Fourth Mondays | 6pm | Glover Room
Develop a deeper relationship with God and other men of faith through Bible study, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the FPC Men's Group. This fall, the group will welcome FPC Marietta preachers as guest speakers. A dinner option is available.
For more information, contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.

FPC MARIETTA BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, October 14 | 6-7:30pm | Room 53 or via Zoom
Connect with fellow book lovers at the FPC Marietta Book Club! It meets on the second Wednesday of each month. You can also participate via Zoom. The club will be discussing *Vanishing Act* by Thomas Perry during the October meeting. For more information, contact Nancy Jo Kirk at njkirk@mindspring.com or 678-986-3967.