



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 2024 | 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 with its 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 infants through 4-yr-olds from 9:30-12:15pm. 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 4yr 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. *Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2)*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Paul F. Cobb, by Dee Cobb.

JOIN US

New members are received each month in worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken Farrar at kenfarrar@icloud.com.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

The color green marks the Sanctuary during the time after Pentecost. This season of the church year is a time where the church focuses not so much on feasting (like Christmas and Easter) or penitent reflection (like Advent and Lent) as on watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (8:30am) *Nun danket* | Velde
 (11:00am) *Toccata on Kings Weston* | Compton

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness.

Justice issues from his mouth like a two-edged sword.

Fire flashes from his eyes. His head is heavy with crowns.

The earth shakes; the mountains melt like wax.

Who can stand against him?

Behold, the glory of the Lord! The light of the world!

Let us rejoice and walk in the light.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when the world around us is shaken, we are shaken, too. We fear the raging storm, forgetting that you have power to still it. We fret over the trials of life, forgetting that you have overcome them all.

We even resist the stirring of your Spirit, who hovers over the deep waters of our souls and creates us anew. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us courage to trust you in every situation.

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.

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 581**

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Todd and Kelly Barton, Mary Brooks and Ernie Cole

Carol Altgilbers, Jamie Vann, Gerri McCord

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you. | **And also with you.**

(11:00am) **JOY CHOIR** *Sunday School Medley* | Dick Tunney

(11:00am) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

CHORAL ANTHEM *We Shall Walk through the Valley of Peace* | Hogan

We shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

(Shall walk in peace)

For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

(We'll meet them there)

We will meet our loved ones there.

For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.

There will be no trials there.

For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk in peace.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

*SENDING HYMN NO. 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *A Clare Benediction* | Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you. May the light of his presence be your guide
May he guard you and uphold you, may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you, when you wake, may he fill you with his grace.
May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.

*SENDING MUSIC *Toccata on Old 100th* | Burk

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

Meri Kate Marcum, Director of Fellowship & Outreach

Bebe Adams, 8:30am Beadle | Harry Foster, 11:00am Acolyte | Brent Law, 11:00am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir | Kirk Ringers

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am Steve Jones | 11:00am Thomas Foster, Jimmy Eave, John Hills

2025 STEWARDSHIP 

FORWARD IN FAITH

AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2024, WE HAVE 278 PLEDGES AND
\$1,827,510 RAISED TOWARD OUR GOAL OF \$2.2 MILLION



TODAY AT 5PM! FRIENDSGIVING

3yrs - 5th Grade & Families | Holland Hall

Potluck Dinner & Family Bingo
Please bring a side to share
Nursery available for younger siblings

Youth Grades 6-12 | Great Hall

Please bring a side to share!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



Thursday, November 21 | Registration Required
Free Event | 6:30pm musical performances
7pm program | 8:15pm reception
Temple Kol Emeth | 1415 Old Canton Rd | Marietta

Join us for the 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, a beloved tradition that brings together people of diverse faiths for an evening of unity, gratitude, and reflection. Our congregation will participate alongside many other religious organizations from across North Metro Atlanta. This year's theme, "Embracing Responsibility: Doing My Part," encourages us all to reflect on how we can contribute to creating a more compassionate world.



**FPC'S CHURCHWIDE RETREAT
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

March 7-9, 2025 | Montreat, NC

This year will be a little different. We are going to help with Helene Recovery efforts this year.

All ages are welcome and children/youth **MUST** participate with their parent(s)/guardians in the same service opportunity.

More details and registration can be found at fpcmarietta.org/montreat.



**American
Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**



Sunday, Nov. 24
8am-1pm
SIGN UP VIA QR CODE

THANKSGIVING AT COBB COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Wednesday, November 27 & Thursday, November 28

We will be providing Thanksgiving dinner for the staff and their families at the Cobb County Detention Center. We expect to feed 240 people! Details on the back!



**JOIN FPC'S GOBBLE JOG TEAM, HEART & SOLES
FOR MUST ON THANKSGIVING DAY!**

All walkers, joggers, runners, and phantom runners are invited!
Questions? Email hartin13@att.net

Advent & Christmas

Christmas Angel Tree beginning Sunday, November 17

Each Christmas, our Mission Committee collects gifts for children in foster care or in need of support during the holidays. You can join us in this effort! Choose an angel tag off the tree in the Gathering Space. Purchase the gift on the tag and deliver it unwrapped to the box in the Gathering Space. This year we are offering Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, Families and any group to participate by sponsoring a child and purchasing all of their gifts. Questions? Contact Anne Fletcher at annefletcher@me.com.

Lecture Series with Dr. Brennan Breed Sundays, December 1-22 | 9:45am

Live Nativity Sunday, December 15 | 4-5pm

Join us at the manger in Bethlehem! Feed live animals, and enjoy games and hot chocolate!

Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 15 | 5-6pm | Great Hall | with Chancel Choir, Bells, and Brass
Join us as we read the Christmas story and sing our favorite Christmas carols.

Longest Night Service Thursday, December 19 | 7pm | Sanctuary

This is a more subdued and reflective worship service, especially for those who struggle during the holidays. Communion will be served.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will decorate the Great Hall and Sanctuary. Consider donating one or more in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person at Christmastime. Forms will be available beginning November 17 at fpcmarietta.org/events and in the Gathering Space.

Christmas Joy Offering Collected during worship each Sunday in Advent

From Rev. Dr. Paull Sherwood: *I wish to lift up the annual Joy Offering for your consideration. Following the devastation of Hurricane Helene, I learned that representatives of our denomination, the PC(USA) reached out immediately to our churches in the impacted areas. They offered grants to those church employees who suffered damage. As of the end of October, they distributed \$400,000 and expect to distribute a total of \$750,000 by the end of the year. I was proud to hear of such speedy assistance to these folks and I am glad to support the Joy Offering.*

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24

12pm Sanctuary. Communion

4pm Great Hall Family Service

Children ages PreK 3-Grade 5 and youth take part in telling of the Christmas story. Baby gift items will be collected for the Georgia Division of Family and Children's Services.

7pm Great Hall Candlelight | A nursery is available for this service.

11pm Sanctuary. Candlelight & Communion

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thanksgiving at Cobb County Detention Center

We will be providing Thanksgiving dinner for the staff and their families at the Cobb County Detention Center. We expect to feed 240 people. Two volunteers are needed for each of the following times to help prepare and serve dinner:

- Wednesday, Nov. 27 | 1:00-5:00pm
- Thursday, Nov. 28 | 6:30-9:30am
- Thursday, Nov. 28 | 9:00-12:00pm

If you would like to help, please contact Jeff Knapp at 678-327-5956 or knightsatl@aol.com.

My Handy Friend Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to provide a free service to our members who are in need of assistance with tasks that they may no longer be comfortable doing. If you would like to have help, please fill out the form at fpcmarietta.org/my-handy-friend, and someone will call you to understand your need and let you know if this is something we can do for you. If you have skills and are willing to share them, please fill out the same form.

Let's Feed Our Youth!

Every Sunday evening, our youth group shares a meal together, provided by church members! If you'd like to sign up, go to fpcmarietta.org/youth! Questions? Email Jana Chesney at JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org.

Club 3:30 Dinners

Each Wednesday, volunteers provide dinner for the children of Club 3:30. Go to fpcmarietta.org/events to provide a meal!

FPC Men's Group

This group will have a Christmas gathering at the home of Jennifer and Russell Davis on Monday, December 16. Contact John Knox at Jdknox162@gmail.com to join!

Stephen Ministry

So much in life can sideline us: illness, grief, job loss, financial crisis, aging, separation or divorce, loneliness, birth or adoption, spiritual crisis. Sometimes we just need someone to talk to about it all. Trained Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with distinctively Christian one-on-one caregiving as you deal with any life difficulty or transition. To request a Stephen Minister or to serve as one, contact Claire Francis at (770) 427-3606.

Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS

Sunday School

for All Ages 9:45-10:45am

Youth Group 5:00-7:00pm

Presbyterian Women

Third Sundays

Nov. 17 | 5:00pm

MONDAYS

Presbyterian Women

Second Mondays | 10:00am

Monday Men's Group

4th Mondays (usually)
6:00-7:30pm

NAMI Support Group

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

TUESDAYS

Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm

WEDNESDAYS

Book Club

2nd Wednesdays 6:00pm

Jubilee (55+)

2nd Wednesdays

THURSDAYS

Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays 12pm-1pm

DAILY

Club 3:30

4-6pm

This list is not exclusive.
For more opportunities,
go to fpcmarietta.org/get-involved.