



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

*Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 2024 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

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## 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 today are dedicated to the glory of God, in thankfulness for 25 years of Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study and in memory of our members in heaven: Rita Spears, Margaret Lawless, Greer Reeves, and Florrie Corley.*

## JOIN US

New members are received each month in worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken Farrar at [kenfarrar@icloud.com](mailto:kenfarrar@icloud.com).

# GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

*Every year on All Saints Sunday we name those members of First Presbyterian Church who have died during the past year. But we do more than remember them when we say their names. In saying their names we affirm a foundational principle of the Christian Faith: that those who have died are not gone. Rather, they have joined the multitude of all the saints in light who encourage us as we run the race set before us, and they will welcome us all when we go to join them at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.*

## WELCOME

**GATHERING MUSIC**    *Festival Prelude* | Charpentier

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34)

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;

So your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in him.

**The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 353        *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, you are the solid Rock,**

**Though I still try to stand on the sinking sand.**

**I expect to find security in wealth, but no amount of money frees me from worry.**

**I seek happiness in possessions, but that fills my attic and not my heart.**

**I work for fulfilment, but filling my hours, without ever resting, exhausts my spirit.**

**Forgive me Lord.**

**And in this silence, hear me confess, that my way of life is broken.**

### 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.**

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

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

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

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Nun Danket Alle Gott* | Olsen

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

## **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)**

**Psalm 121**

**Revelation 21: 1-6a**

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

**SERMON** *Our Help and Our Hope* | The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

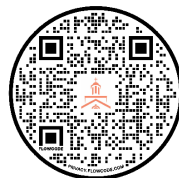
## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**\*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,**

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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.

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

*Fannette Adams, Paul Arndt, Anita Barton, Marilyn Barton, Dianne Brissey, Florrie Corley,  
Joanne Davis, Karen Deere, Jack Gillilan, Steve Hudson, Preston Jarvis, Betty Kuhnen, Judy McDaniel,  
Katherine Montgomery, Meredith Rambo, Greer Reeves, Bill Shoemaker, Carolyn Tiede,  
Charlie Underwood*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE 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.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places. We proclaim you as Lord, our creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and you preserve us by your providence. And you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior, who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole church on earth, and with all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name:

**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 OF THE SACRAMENT

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

\*SENDING HYMN NO. 326      *For All the Saints*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING MUSIC                      *Toccata in Seven* | Rutter

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### Today's Worship Leaders

*Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate*

*Paul Phillips, 8:30am Beadle | Kate Hobel, 11:00am Scripture Reader | ?, 11:00 Acolyte*

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

*Bill Noss, Bell Ringer | Church Street Brass*

*Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am Steve Jones | 11:00am Jimmy Eaves*

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## MASS *of the* CHILDREN

TODAY 5PM | GREAT HALL

*featuring FPC Chancel Choir, Georgia Youth Choir, & local musicians*

Composed by John Rutter after the sudden death of his son, Mass of the Children is a fitting composition for All Saints Sunday, composed out of Rutter's desire to bring children and adults together.

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## THE TARTAN ROAD HOLIDAY MARKET

TODAY 12-4:50PM | HOLLAND HALL

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Come see the newly crafted FPC Tartan Collection on display for the first time!  
Bid on the Silent Auction items! Visit with artists, makers & authors. Enjoy delicious food & drink!

# NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday and Communion Sunday (both services in Sanctuary)</b> <b>Tartan Road Market</b> 12-4:50pm   Holland Hall <b>Mass of the Children Concert</b> 5pm   Great Hall
<b>NOV 10</b>	<b>Kirkin' of the Tartan</b> 8:30 & 11:00am Worship <b>Scotland's Clans, Israel's Tribes, and the Re-birth of Democracy</b> Special Lecture led by Dr. Brennan Breed   9:45am   Rm 057 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> between services in Holland Hall   \$7/ person & \$28/family max <b>Puerto Rico HS Mission Trip Interest Meeting</b> 4pm   Glover Room <i>for parents and high school youth</i>
<b>NOV 17</b>	<b>Children's Friendsgiving</b> 5-7pm   Holland Hall   Families of ages 3yrs-5th Grade Nursery available for younger siblings Potluck Dinner & Family Bingo - Entrees and Drinks provided   Bring a side to share <b>Youth Friendsgiving</b> 5-7pm   Great Hall   Bring a dish to share
<b>NOV 24</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 8am-1pm   <a href="http://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a>

Have you signed up?

## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

**Sunday, November 10 | 8:30 & 11am | Great Hall**

**DEADLINE IS TOMORROW! SIGN UP TO CARRY A BANNER!**

[FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS](http://FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS)

*In this service, we remember the Scottish origins of the Presbyterian Church with bagpipes and drums, and with the blessing of the tartans. We also celebrate our shared life together as children of God. You are invited to celebrate your unique ancestry by wearing a family plaid or traditional clothing of your heritage.*



**Red Cross  
Blood Drive**

Nov. 24 | 8am-1pm

Scan the QR code to sign up!  
A pint of blood can  
save up to 3 lives!



**Surviving the  
Holidays**

**A GriefShare Workshop**  
Nov. 12 | 6-8pm Rm 055  
Registration details on back.



**INTERFAITH  
THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION**

**Thursday, Nov. 21**

Doors open at 6:30pm  
at Temple Kol Emeth



*Inspirational speakers, diverse faith traditions, uplifting music, and a gallery of desserts from a variety of cultures.  
Details on back.*



**Join FPC's  
GOBBLE JOG TEAM  
Thanksgiving day**

All walkers, joggers, runners,  
and phantom runners are invited!  
Questions? Email [hartin13@att.net](mailto:hartin13@att.net)

# Advent & Christmas

## **Christmas Angel Tree** beginning mid-November

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. A wonderful mission project!

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

## **Live Nativity** Sunday, December 15 | 4-6pm

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 in mid-November at [fpcmarietta.org/events](http://fpcmarietta.org/events) and in the Gathering Space.

## **Christmas Joy Offering** Collected during worship each Sunday in Advent

This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including leadership development for communities of color, and Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

## **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

### Calling all artists!

November 7 | 5-6pm | 26 Winters Street, Marietta

Email [ginlea@icloud.com](mailto:ginlea@icloud.com) with questions.

We are starting a Creative Feedback Group to connect artists to a larger creative community. If you have a hard time calling yourself an artist or maybe you're well established, we want you to join us to build a supportive network to help lift us all up. Muse & Co. has volunteered to be our first host gallery!

We will begin with a welcome, share events to get involved in, celebrations and news. We will break into small groups where each person is invited to share what they are working on, what they hope to achieve through their work and ask for feedback from their group.

*Hosted by Muse & Co. and the Music & Arts Committee at First Presbyterian Church of Marietta. Artists of all or no faith are encouraged regardless of beliefs.*

### FPC Pedalers - Bike Riding Group

Next ride: Friday November 8 | 9am | From the Silver Comet Trail at Floyd Road  
We usually ride an hour out and an hour back, but we can modify the ride to fit the needs of the group. This is a social activity, not a race! We ride for FUN.

Questions? Call Jennifer Davis 404-210-3697 or Nancy Jo Kirk 678-986-3967.

### Surviving the Holidays: A Grief Share Workshop led by Stephen Ministry

November 12 | 6-8pm | Lower Level | \$7 materials fee

Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Join us! You'll be welcomed by warm, caring people who understand what you are going through and who want to help. You can RSVP to Denise Lobodinski at [lobodrake@aol.com](mailto:lobodrake@aol.com).

### Join Us at the 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration!

Thursday, November 21

6:30pm musical performances, 7pm program, 8:15pm reception

Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta, GA

Free event. Registration Required: Go to [fpcmarietta.org/events](http://fpcmarietta.org/events)

This year marks 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 proudly be participating alongside many other religious organizations from across North Metro Atlanta, celebrating two decades of building bridges and fostering understanding in our community.

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. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in uplifting messages, prayers, and music from diverse faith traditions, while learning how we can help others in our community. We hope you will join us as we participate in this special event!

## Small Group Opportunities

### SUNDAYS

#### Sunday School

for All Ages 9:45-10:45am

#### Youth Group

5:00-7:00pm

#### Presbyterian Women

Third Sundays 5:30pm

### MONDAYS

#### Presbyterian Women

Second Mondays

10:00am and 6:30pm

#### 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](http://fpcmarietta.org/get-involved).