



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 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 9:30am-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 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 given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lois Paden by her daughters Anne Maassen and Susan Ikerd, and their families.

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

Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday is the most important day of the Church Year, and the celebration continues for six Sundays. Today we continue to celebrate that “He is Risen!” Indeed, he has conquered death and sin by rising from the dead. As a sign that Christ has won victory over the grave the purple vestments of Lent that marked the communion table, pulpit, and pastors’ stoles are replaced by the white vestments of Easter as a sign of everlasting life.

WELCOME

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN MINISTERS

GATHERING MUSIC *Trumpet Tune on a Theme of Handel* | Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 22*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down.

Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him. Future generations will be told about the Lord.

We will proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord,

You are the source of every blessing, yet I am prone to wander.

**I wander from your eternal Word, and I question your timeless wisdom,
searching for simple solutions and quick fixes.**

**I wander from your commandments, and I discount your decrees,
doing what I want and leaving behind the limits you put in place.**

**I wander from your presence, and I tune out your voice,
seeking pleasure and fulfillment beyond the narrow way of discipleship.**

Forgive me. And in this silence hear my 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.

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

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.

ANTHEM *Set Me as a Seal* | Nance

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

1 John 4:7-17

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON *You Are the Branches* | The Rev. Joe Evans

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Cello Suite #3 (Prelude) | Bach*

*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

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

*SENDING HYMN NO. 697 *Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Lutkin*

*SENDING MUSIC *Festive Trumpet Tune | Lasky*



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Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

Larisa Dukes 8:30am & 11:00am Beadle

Gabriel Eidelwein, 11:00am Acolyte

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chancel Choir | Harrison Cook, Cello

Dr. Lynne Sloop, Piano

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Will Myers

11:00am: Jimmy Eaves & John Hills

Pentecost Sunday - Special Offering

Sunday, May 19

On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. A special PC(USA) offering will be collected this day which unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Dear FPC Community,

On behalf of The Pantry on Church, we want to thank you for your exceptional support of our 40 for 40 Food Drive! You filled our shelves many times over and much of what you donated has already gone into our community in the form of groceries for high school students, snacks for those taking exams, evening snacks for those receiving reduced-price meals at school, food kits for homeless people, and pantry boxes for graduates of The Women's Extension and families new to Cobb County. We have also given out much in our Tuesday food line, including ALL of the soup!

Thank you for the love and support you show to the food insecure in Cobb County.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Confirmation Sunday

Celebrating our youth in this next step on their faith journeys.

Join us at 11am on May 5.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Graduate Recognition

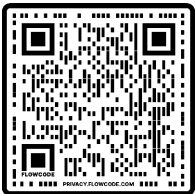
Let's celebrate our graduates! Join us on May 19 for a reception at 9:45am and a special recognition during 11am worship.



MUST SUMMER LUNCH 2024

MUST Summer Lunch deliveries begin June 5!

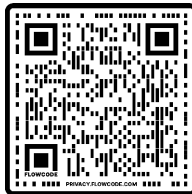
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Volunteer Sign -UP



Monetary Gifts



Amazon Wish List

Group's Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

Come hang out with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 10-13

Volunteer and register participants today!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
FPC BUILD DATE: JUNE 15
Scan the QR code to donate!
Sign up in the Gathering Space to build!



FPC OPPORTUNITIES & NEWS

Graduate Recognition

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 19 at the 11am service! If you are a graduating senior from High School or College and want to be included, please send the following to JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org by Monday, May 6: Student's full name (as you want it shown on the brochure/slide show), Name of school graduating from and major if applicable, Post-graduation plans, Photo (senior photo or other recent photo).

Organ Demonstration

Saturday, May 4 | 11am | Sanctuary

Ever wonder why there are some many keys and pedals on the organ, or how the sound is carried to the pipes, or how big the pipes are? Children in elementary school through high school who are interested in learning about the pipe organ are invited to an organ demonstration with our principle organist, Chohee Kim! Parents of younger children may wish to stay to help engage their children in the demonstration. RSVP at fpcmarietta.org/upcoming-events. Email ChoheeKim@fpcmarietta.org with any questions.

Horizons presented by the Georgia Festival Chorus comes to FPC!

Sunday, May 5 | 4pm

Join us as we celebrate this season of resurrection and renewal with a glorious selection of choral music to inspire and enthrall. Check out other concert locations in this series at www.tgafc.org/

Rising 6th Graders are invited to Youth!

May 5 | 4pm | FPC

Please join us and see what Youth is all about!

Book Club (May Date Change)

Wednesday, May 8 | 6-7pm | History Room

The Book Club apologizes but the author can no longer present his book on May 15 so we will meet as originally scheduled on May 8 in the History Room for a regular book discussion of *How Lucky* by Will Leitch.

Wine Tasting

Friday, May 17 | 7-10pm | Location TBD

All church members are invited. Please bring an appetizer to share and a wine to share.

Contact Bob Sloop at rsloop47@gmail.com

Could this be your call?

The Caring Ministry at FPC Marietta opens the door for heart-felt service to fellow church members who now may find themselves ill, alone, physically restricted, and consequently removed from their usual life abilities, activities, and surroundings. A Ministry Caregiver, individually joined with one such church member, with relatively little time required but with the gift to offer of significant joy and comfort, can provide at least on a monthly basis meaningful encouragement, concern, friendship, and support, particularly in times of special needs. Ask yourself if this is your time to make and be a new friend! Faithful volunteers are needed now!

Contact Marti Miner: Martingf02@bellsouth.net or 404-408-3915.

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