



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 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. Summer hours are 10:45am-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 loving memory of Joseph W. Dowless and W. Robert Smith Sr. and in honor of Carolyn Dowless and Mary Janette Smithby Lisa and Bob Smith.

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 *Gavotte* | Wesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

And his compassion is over all that he has made.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,

And gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

And raises up all who are bowed down.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our sure foundation, forgive your Church for her many faults.

Forgive her pastors and priests who have lorded their power over your people.

Forgive her congregations who have become hotbeds of division and discord.

Forgive us when our prayers and our praises are halfhearted.

Forgive us when we focus more on the news of the day than the words of Scripture.

Forgive us when we fail to extend the same hospitality to strangers that we have received.

Remind us of the high calling of discipleship, and 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.

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

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

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

(11:00am) **BAPTISM**

Harriet Elanor Wilson-Heyes

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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 in Peace | Hogan

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Matthew 17: 14-21

Luke 13: 18-19

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

SERMON *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* | The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

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.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *It Is Well with My Soul | Lau*

*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. 761 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC *Fanfare on Psalm 150 | J. Hwang*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

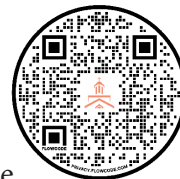
The Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

Meg Hartin, 8:30am Beadle | Jean Tafoya, 11:00am Beadle | Catherine Sherwood, 11:00am Acolyte

Jim Ogburn, Conductor | Chohee Kim, Principal Organist | Chancel Choir

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Neil Anderson | 11:00am: Bennett Sherwood



If you would like to give online go to fpcmarietta.org, or scan this QR code.

FPC OPPORTUNITIES

School Supplies for Marietta City Schools

Supply items for back-to-school supply kits for Marietta City students. Items can be dropped off in the Gathering Space through July 28. Pick up a flyer in the Gathering Space for a list of requested supplies!

MUST Summer Lunch

Summer isn't over yet! Please continue to send in lunch foods and other requested items! A list and link to the Amazon wish list can be found at fpcmarietta.org/events

Pantry on Church Fundraiser

Thank you! We've met our goal and tickets are sold out! But you can still help support the Pantry on Church! Raffle tickets will be sold prior to and at the event. Visit us in the Gathering Space on Sundays, July 14 and 21 for a chance to win amazing Braves tickets and several other cool prizes! Questions? Email MartieMoore@fpcmarietta.org.

Sunday Lecture Series with Dr. Brennan Breed: *Beginner's Guide to the Bible*

Sundays, August 4-18 | 9:45-10:45am | Sanctuary

What is the Bible and how should we read it? This August, join Dr. Brennan Breed as he delves into how the Bible came to be, its major narrative arcs, and common interpretive approaches. If you've ever picked up a Bible and wondered where to start, this series is for you.!

Leo Frank Memorial Service

Sunday, August 18 | 5pm | Temple Kol Emeth

Frank was wrongly convicted of having murdered Mary Phagan in 1913. Leo Frank, an innocent man, was lynched in 1915 a few miles from the Marietta Square. His lynching was the most egregious act of anti-semitism in American history. He has never been exonerated for a crime he did not commit. All are welcome to join us in this service.

Presbyterian Women Potluck

Monday, August 19 | 11am | Bring a dish to share!

The new study about God's call to care for neighbors and all creation begins September 9. Email Moderator Anne Keane at akkeane@gmail.com or Co-Moderator Sandy McQueen at smyrnasensei@gmail.com

Monday Night Men's Group

August 19, September 23, October 28 | 6 pm | Glover Room | Study of Daniel, led by Dr. Brennan Breed

Contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com if you would like to join.

Thursday Bible Study

August 22 | 11:30am | Holland Hall | \$7 Lunch

This weekly Bible study resumes in August! Email Rev. Cassie Waits at CassieWaits@fpcmarietta.org.

Let's Go Out to the Ball Game!

Saturday, August 24 | Braves vs Washington Nationals

Seats are in Homerun Porch sec. 145 | \$40 per ticket

FPC will provide transportation. Make payment at fpcmarietta.org/give.

Choose "Braves Tickets" from the drop down Fund menu. Your payment is your reservation!

You must download the BallPark App. Tickets will be transferred to you via the app prior to the game.

Questions? Contact Rose Wing at 678-386-1059 or wingr@bellsouth.net.

AUGUST AT FPC

SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE

AUG 4	11am Worship moves back to the Great Hall 8:30am remains in the Sanctuary Brennan Breed Lecture Series Begins (details in bulletin) 9:45-10:45am Sanctuary Training for Children & Youth Sunday School Teachers 9:45-10:45am Holland Hall
AUG 11	Fellowship Breakfast Resumes 9:15-10:15am Holland Hall \$7/person \$25/family max Nursery Hours change: 9:30am-12:15pm Children/Youth Sunday School Resumes 9:45-10:45am <i>Parents of children through 5th grade will meet in the Great Hall</i> Blessing of the Backpacks/Teacher Commissioning for FPC Leaders 11am Great Hall
AUG 18	2nd Graders Receive Bibles 11am Great Hall Youth Pool Party (4-6pm)
AUG 25	Discipleship Fair 9:30-10:45am Holland Hall <i>Come learn about Sunday School, discipleship, & fellowship opportunities for adults!</i> Children & Youth Leadership Training <i>Following 11am worship with a pizza lunch Registration coming soon</i>

THE FOLLOWING STUDIES AND/OR SMALL GROUPS RESUME:

Aug. 7: Jubilee Lunch | \$7

Aug. 14: Book Club | 6pm | Room 053 | meets monthly

Aug. 19: Presbyterian Women Potluck | 11am | at FPC
Bring a dish to share!

Monday Men's Group | 6pm | Glover Room
New study led by Dr. Brennan Breed | meets monthly

Aug. 22: Thursday Bible Study | *Psalms* by Eugene Peterson
11:30am | Holland Hall | \$7/Lunch | meets weekly

ADDITIONAL DATES:

Aug. 5: Parents Day Out
Resumes

Club 3:30 Resumes

Aug. 12: Preschool
Resumes

Aug. 24: Braves Game

SEPTEMBER AT FPC

SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE

SEPT 8	Adult Sunday School Resumes 9:45-10:45am Lower Level Explorers Rm 049 New Seasons Rm 051 30-50s Class Rm 053 Faith Builders Rm 055 Marietta Police Department presents Active Shooter Training 1-3pm at FPC Youth Group Resumes Time TBD Lower Level
SEPT 15	FPC 101: New Member Class Sundays, September 15, 22, 29 9:45-10:45am History Room
SEPT 29	Stewardship Season Kick-Off & ChurchWide Picnic

HOLIDAYS:

SEPT 2:
LABOR DAY
The church is closed.

SEPT 23-27:
FALL BREAK
Preschool, PDO, & Club 3:30 closed.

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Sept. 9: Monday Night Women's Group
The Chosen TV series | meets biweekly

Sept. 9: Presbyterian Women (PW) | 10am
Lunch \$7 | meets monthly

Sept. 10: Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
9:30am-12:00pm | meets weekly

*Monday Prayer and Study | 10am | meets biweekly | Start Date TBD

TO DO LIST..

- Subscribe to FPC
emails: fpcmarietta.org/publications
- Set up your Realm account:
fpcmarietta.org/realm

ADDITIONAL DATES:

Sep. 17: Constitution Day
3:30pm | Marietta Square (FPC if rain)

Oct 1: Churchwide Retreat
Registration Opens (through 11/22)

Oct. 5: Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 13: Rise Against Hunger/
Chalktoberfest Parking Fundraiser

Oct. 20: Stewardship Sunday

Oct.27: Trunk or Treat/ Chili
Cookoff/Haunted Hallway

Nov. 3: All Saints' Program | 4pm *Mass of the Children*

Nov. 5: Election Day

Nov 10: Kirkin' of the Tartan

Nov. 28-29: Church Closed

Dec. 15: Evening in Bethlehem
Live Nativity, Lessons & Carols, Artists' Bazaar

March 7-9: Churchwide Retreat

FPC Students Earn Recognition for Artwork

Eighteen FPC students recently exhibited 24 pieces of artwork in Holland Hall, for our first-ever FPC Student Art Contest & Exhibit.

Lauren McBride, Executive Director of the non-profit organization “Notes of Impact,” served as our Judge, on the recommendation of FPC member and professional artist Laura Surace.

We had 5 different age categories, based on the grade the students just completed in May of the 2023-2024 school year. We also awarded a “Crowd Favorite” and a “Best In Show” from across all age categories. The Recognition Award winners were:

Pre-school-Kindergarten:

First Place Award: Mollie Lindsay, Kindergarten, “Froggies at Lunchtime”

Second Place Award: Elizabeth Lindsay, Preschool, “A Bowl of Fruit: Three Sisters Perspectives” (middle panel)

1st–4th Grade:

First Place Award: Clete Barber, Third Grade, “Rocky the Dog”

Second Place Award: Hannah Lindsay, Third Grade, “Sunset in Holland”

Third Place Award: Zoe Payne, Fourth Grade, “Bee Loved Bible”

5th–8th Grade:

First Place Award: Logan Cleveland, Eighth Grade, “The Long-Necked Creature”

Second Place Award: Michelle White, Eighth Grade, “Behind the Mask”

Third Place Award: Enzo Jensen, Eighth Grade, “Penguin Swirls”

9th-12th Grade:

First Place Award: Caroline Okraski, Twelfth Grade, “Cartography of Joy”

Second Place Award: Caroline Okraski, Twelfth Grade, “Insecurity Garden”

College Students:

First Place Award: Toby Gephardt, Kennesaw State University, “Untitled”

Second Place Award: Ella Chesney, Furman University, “Reflections”

Third Place Award: Ella Chesney, Furman University, “Shrimpin’

Crowd Favorite: Logan Cleveland, Eighth Grade, “The Long-Necked Creature”

This award was voted on by all the FPC members and visitors who viewed this exhibit over the past month. In addition to a medal, the winner received a \$50 Michaels Gift Card.

Best in Show: Mollie Lindsay, Kindergarten, “Froggies at Lunchtime”

This award was selected by our Judge, from across all age categories, based on specific judging criteria which she explained at the Awards Ceremony. The winner received a medal and a \$100 Michael’s Gift Card.

A big Thank You to all the Student Artists.

**Please keep creating and sharing
your work, we love your art!**

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