



2025 STEWARDSHIP FORWARD IN FAITH



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
MARIETTA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 loving memory of our parents, Don and Lou Ann Basham and Paul and Frances May by Paulette and Eldon Basham.

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 *Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555 | Bach*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34)

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.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

And was saved from every trouble.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Blessed are those who take refuge in him.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God,

We are a people who often forget that you are the cornerstone of all that is good.

We run at a frenetic pace trying to fix the problems of others, rather than focusing on what needs healing in our own lives.

We play at being God and we fail to remember that you are the ruler of all creation.

Merciful God, take away our struggle for control and help us lean into your power.

Forgive us for our arrogance and humble our hearts to rely on your grace for all things.

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**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 693**

Though I May Speak

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

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord | Hogan

In the Lord, in the Lord.

My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day

(my soul's been anchored in the Lord)

I'd sing and pray myself away

(my soul's been anchored in the Lord)

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop

(my soul's been anchored in the Lord)

Until I reach the mountain top

(my soul's been anchored in the Lord)

Do you love him? (Oh yes)

Do you love him?(Hallelujah!)

God almighty (Are you anchored?)

Are you anchored?(Oh yes)

I'm anchored,

my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve him? (Oh yes)

Will you praise him?

Lord, I love You. (Oh Yes)

Yes, I'll serve You

Lord, I'll praise You.

Hallelujah!

My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-17

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

SERMON *Those Who Are Generous Are Blessed* | 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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *II. Adagio e dolce from Trio Sonata No.3, BWV 527 | 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. 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***SENDING MUSIC** *My Heart Ever Faithful | Bach*

2025 STEWARDSHIP >>>
FORWARD IN FAITH

Commitment Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

Please join us as we move forward in faith, by making our 2025 commitments in gratitude to God and to his glory. Your pledge provides support of our staff, buildings, programs of service, and missions. Pledge cards can be found in the Gathering Space and online at fpcmarietta.org/commit.

Today's Worship Leaders

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

*Ann Stoskopf, 8:30am Beadle | Stu Rubio, 11:00am Beadle | Harry Foster, 11:00 Acolyte
Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | Chohee Kim, Principal Organist | Chancel Choir*

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Will Myers | 11:00am: Thomas Foster, Joe Jordan, John Hills

Officer Nominating Committee Suggestion Forms due today!

If you or someone you know has the qualities necessary to serve as a church officer, please fill out a form in the Gathering Space or at fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions

Presbyterian Women Interest Meeting

Sunday, September 29 | 12:15pm | Glover Room
Interested in Presbyterian Women,
but can't make it on a Monday morning?
Join us today to explore other options!



OCT 5
REFUGEE ASSISTANCE
DAY OF SERVICE

Sign up with QR Code
Donation list at fpcmarietta.org/events



Blessing of the Animals
Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends!

OCTOBER 5 | 10AM | MAIN LOT

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

OCT 6	Children’s Music Begins as an extension of Sunday School (details coming soon) Active Shooter Training 1-3pm
OCT 13	Steinway Piano Dedication 11am worship <i>in memory of Sarah Cameron Jamieson</i> Kitchen Training (Details on back of your bulletin) Chalktoberfest Fundraiser Oct. 12-13 Rise Against Hunger 4-6pm Great Hall
OCT 20	Commitment Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Fellowship Breakfast between services
OCT 27	Presbyterian Promise Presentation details on back Trunk or Treat Haunted Hallway Chili Cook-Off



CHURCHWIDE RETREAT

March 7-9 | Montreat, NC
Registration: Oct.1 – Nov. 22
fpcmarietta.org/montreat

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING OCTOBER 6 | 1-3PM



The seminar will discuss how to prepare and respond to help save lives. Plan to bring a lunch or grab a quick bite after worship.



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NAMI FAMILY-FAMILY CLASS

Wednesdays Oct. 9-Dec. 4 | 6:00-8:45 p.m. | Details on back
A free 8-week class for family members and caregivers of persons with a mental health diagnosis or condition.

Chalktoberfest

Collect parking donations
to support our Youth missions!

OCTOBER 12-13

FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS



October 13 | 4-6pm

2024 GOAL **15,000 MEALS**
Scan the QR code to sign up to pack meals!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

TRUNK-OR-TREAT HAUNTED HALLWAY CHILI COOK-OFF

Sign up for all 3 events at
FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS



A SERVICE OF
Healing & Wholeness

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:15PM | SANCTUARY

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

NOV 3	All Saints Sunday and Communion Sunday Tartan Road Market 12-4:30pm Mass of the Children Concert 5pm Great Hall
NOV 10	Kirkin' of the Tartan 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Puerto Rico HS Mission Trip Interest Meeting 4pm
NOV 24	Red Cross Blood Drive 8am-1pm redcrossblood.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 3
12-4:30PM

Tartan Road Market

Calling all makers and artisans!
Scan the QR code to apply to be a vendor at the Tartan Road Market! **Applications due Oct. 5**



MASS of the CHILDREN NOV 3 5:00PM



* FEATURING FPC CHANCEL CHOIR, GEORGIA YOUTH CHOIR, & LOCAL MUSICIANS

ELECTION DAY

pray & play

Nov. 4 | 2-6pm

Take a break & unplug with games and fun for all ages!

(P.S. No election talk!)

Children must have an adult present.

Surviving the Holidays



A Grief Share Workshop
led by Stephen Ministry

NOVEMBER 12

5:00-8:30PM

Details on back



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

Nov. 24 | 8am-1pm

Sign up at
redcrossblood.org

**EMERGENCY
PLATELET SHORTAGE**



Join
FPC's Team
HEART & SOLE
for the

2024 GOBBLE JOG
to benefit MUST

Join the team or give online!
All walkers, joggers, runners, and phantom runners are invited!
Optional t-shirts available for a limited time!

Questions? Email
hartin13@att.net

FPC OPPORTUNITIES

NAMI Family-Family Class

Wednesdays October 9-December 4 | 6:00-8:45 p.m. | Pre-registration required. Classes fill up fast.
A free 8-week class for family members and caregivers of persons with a mental health diagnosis or condition. Caregivers will be equipped with skills, information and resources to help their loved ones. Open to all adults. Register by contacting instructor: Neill Blake programs.namicobb@gmail.com or 770-427-5353

Attention backyard farmers and gardeners! The Pantry on Church will happily receive any fresh-picked produce from your fall garden for our food distribution. Look for a cooler on a cart to the right of the front doors under the portico on Tuesdays between 9:00 and 3:30. If you arrive during Preschool carpool, please park your car and walk your donation to the cart. Contact Martie Moore with any questions. Thank you!

FPC is seeking a Part Time Finance Associate This position is responsible for recording and organizing financial transactions and member contributions, monitoring and maintaining cash flow, with a focus on the detailed tracking of income and expenses. This position is open to non-members. Go to fpcmarietta.org/jobs

Curious about our FPC kitchen? Attend an upcoming training!

Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30pm | Sunday, October 13 following 11am worship
Join us for one of TWO upcoming trainings led by Mary Beth Heise, Food Ministry Coordinator. Come get trained in how our kitchen equipment operates and then join in the fun of cooking with your church family!

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

November 12 | 5:00-8:30pm | Lower Level
Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? 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. Questions? Contact Lucy Cooley at lucycooley@gmail.com

One hour can change a child's life

Club 330 volunteers needed 4:30-5:30 Monday – Thursday. Contact Karen Stickel at karenstickel1975@gmail.com. Snacks are needed for 24 students, and every Wednesday, volunteers provide dinner or our Club 330 kids! Sign up at fpcmarietta.org/events to provide dinner!

FPC Financial Snapshot (as of 8/31/2024) 2024 Annual Budget: \$ 2,181,702.00

Pledges Update %Pledges received (to budget)	Current Month-August	Year-To-Date
	99%	91%
Budget Update	Current Month (August)	Year-To-Date
Total Revenues:	\$121,241	\$1,381,616
Total Expenses:	\$180,746	\$1,523,651
Net Total:	(\$59,505)	(\$142,036)

- ❖ Increased maintenance costs (primarily from higher building maintenance and van repairs) are driving the increase in expenses versus the budget.
- ❖ Our congregation continues to give generously to FPC ministries.
- ❖ With the summer slowdown in pledged contributions, we need to prayerfully recommit ourselves to fulfill our pledges in 2024.