



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 this Sunday are given by Nancy Hildreth to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Sidney Clotfelter.

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

During the time after Pentecost, the color green typically marks the Sanctuary. However, as today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, notice that the color white marks the communion table, pulpit, and the pastors' robes. The color white is reserved for those Sundays of great celebration, so let us approach His table with joy, worshipping God with gladness!

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC *Adoration* | Borowski

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect,

Reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure,

Making wise the simple.

By them are God's servants warned;

In keeping them there is great reward.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior,

Our spirits are willing, but our flesh is still weak.

Forgive us Lord,

For speaking words that should have gone unspoken,

For remaining silent in the face of injustice,

For being quick to judge rather than seeking to understand.

In a world where humility seems to be in short supply,

Hear us as we boldly confess our imperfections.

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. 753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Melodie* | Gluck (arr. Kreisler)

***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**

CHORAL ANTHEM *I Believe* | Miller

I believe in the sun	I believe in God
I believe in the sun	I believe in God
Even when, even when it's not shining	Even when, even when God is silent

I believe in love
I believe in love
Even when, even when I don't feel it

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Psalms 22:1-15

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

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

SERMON *It Could Not Have Been Worse* | The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

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



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,
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.

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.**

We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us. And we believe, that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your 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 *Spiegel im Spiegel* | Pärt

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***SENDING HYMN NO. 463** *How Firm a Foundation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***SENDING MUSIC** *Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWV 554* | Bach

Today’s Worship Leaders

The Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

Adrean Grant, Parents Day Out/Nursery Coordinator

Nan Waters, 8:30am Beadle | Rose Wing, 11:00am Beadle | Zoë Payne, 11:00 Acolyte

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

Will Myers, Violinist | Chancel Choir

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Steve Jones | 11:00am: Joe Jordan, Bennett Sherwood, John Hills

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

Find details in the bulletin or scan the QR code

SEPT 8	<p>Adult Sunday School Resumes 9:45-10:45am Lower Level Details in bulletin</p> <p>FPC 101: New Member Class September 8, 15, 22 9:45-10:45am History Room</p> <p>Worship and Sacraments Class for Children in grades 2-3 Participating children will be dismissed to Room 113 following the Children’s Message in 11am worship.</p> <p>Popsicles in the Park 5:30-6:30pm Lewis Park 475 Campbell Hill Street, Marietta for Toddlers-5th Graders and their families Join us at the park for fun with friends and popsicles!</p> <p>New Time! Youth Group Resumes 5-7pm Lower Level 6th-12th graders, let’s kick off a new year!</p>
SEPT 15	<p>Churchwide Picnic following 11am worship Details below</p>
SEPT 29	<p>Stewardship Season Kick-Off</p>

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

SEPT 23-27:
FALL BREAK
Preschool, PDO, & Club 3:30 closed.
No Children’s Sunday School on Sept. 22.

WEEKDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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 Ladies Bible Study
9:30am-12:00pm | meets weekly
God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18 by Jen Wilkin

Sept 11: Book Club | 6pm | Room 053

Sept. 18: FPC Pedalars | 9am
Meet at the Florence Road Trailhead
(details on back of bulletin)

Sept. 19: Raise the Roof - Karaoke Night
6-9pm | Glover Park Brewery | details in bulletin



September 15 Churchwide Picnic

DRESS CASUALLY FOR WORSHIP
THEN JOIN US FOR BLUEGRASS
& GOOD FOOD FOLLOWING
11AM WORSHIP!

Entree & Drinks Provided
Last Name A-M: sides | N-Z dessert

If you can help set up, please email
MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org.

Note: The main lot will be roped off.
Handicap spots will be available.

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

OCT 6	Communion Sunday Active Shooter Training 1-3pm Open to the Community Marietta Police Department (MPD) and ALERRT(Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) will present Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). The seminar will discuss how to prepare and respond to help save lives. Your immediate actions during that time can make a difference in the outcome of the event. <i>Plan to bring a lunch or grab a quick bite to eat if worshipping at 11am.</i>
OCT 13	Rise Against Hunger 4-6pm Great Hall Details on the back of your bulletin
OCT 20	Commitment Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am Worship
OCT 27	Trunk or Treat Haunted Hallway Chili Cook-Off 4pm

Raise the Roof

KARAOKE FUNDRAISER | SEPT. 19
6-9PM | GLOVER PARK BREWERY

Ticket & drink proceeds
benefit the Youth Room
Renovation Project.



\$20/ticket
includes
dinner



OCT 5
REFUGEE ASSISTANCE DAY OF SERVICE
SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO CLARKSTON FOR THE REFUGEE DAY OF SERVICE
fpcmarietta.org/events for a donation list

Blessing of the Animals



OCTOBER 5 | 10AM | MAIN LOT
Bring your furry, feathered,
and scaly friends!

Officer Nominating Committee

To suggest members to serve as the next class of elders and deacons, please fill out a form in the Gathering Space or at fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions

ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1 Register for Churchwide Retreat

Oct. 12-13 Chalktoberfest Parking Fundraiser

Oct. 23 Healing & Wholeness 6:15pm | Sanctuary

FPC OPPORTUNITIES

FPC Pedalers Wednesday September 18 | 9am

Meet at the Florence Road Trailhead (mile marker 11.7 on Silver Comet Trail)

This is a social activity, not a race! We ride for fun. The trail is mostly in the shade.

We usually ride an hour out and an hour back, but we can modify the ride to fit the needs of the group.

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

Play your cards right!

Join a new card group at FPC!

Bridge: Thursdays from 10am-1pm at FPC

Pinochle: Day/Time TBD

Contact Pam Gooze to get plugged in: pkgooge@gmail.com

The Pantry on Church now supports pets! Thanks to the initiative of Kelly Lee and Laura Powell, we now give out dry food for dogs and cats. Response has been overwhelmingly favorable with our guest families! If you would like to support this part of our food ministry, please place unopened donations of Purina pet food in or beside our green bin in the Gathering Space. If you are interested in helping bag or distribute food, or have specific questions, please contact Kelly Lee at kellypowelllee@gmail.com

Church Photography

Members are always encouraged to take photos at events, small groups, and fellowship gatherings! And we now have an easy way for you to share them! Check out our new gallery at fpcmarietta.org/gallery.

You are encouraged to upload any photos you may have from FPC (recent or older) on that same page. They will be sorted, edited, and uploaded to the gallery!



2024 GOAL
15,000 MEALS & \$6,000

Help us reach our goal! Scan the QR code
to give or sign up to pack meals!

Sunday, October 13

This is a kid-friendly event.
All ages welcome!

