



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 2025 | 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.

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)*

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

Epiphany is the worship service that marks the Magi's visit to the Holy Family. After Christ's birth, they came bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The color white marks the worship space and the pastors' robes just as it did on Christmas Eve, for the celebration of Christ's birth continues.

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC *Epiphany* | Bullard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

Do not fear, says the Lord, for you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you.

When you walk through the fire,

You will not be burned.

For I am the Lord your God

Who opens a path through the sea and a way in the wilderness.

You, my beloved, I have called by name.

You are mine.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401 *Here in This Place*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have exploited our neighbors; and we have ignored the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Set us free from the sins of our past and create in us clean hearts, holy and pleasing to you.

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. 293** *Loving Spirit*

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

Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift | Scott

Giver of every perfect gift,
You shape my life from worm to grave.
Reveal your good and gracious will
That plants me in this time and place.
Display the gifts assigned to me.
Make them a witness to your name.

Revealing Word, sent Son of God,
Proclaimer of the Kingdom's dawn,
It is for you, because of you.
That every talent is bestowed.
You have a part for me to fill,
A purpose for this life of mine.

You planned and know the gifts I have;
Creator God, from you they come,
Unique and special, from your heart,
Intended for a chosen role.
Thrill me to find and recognize
The talents only you can give.

Enabling Spirit, Gift of gifts, Empower me,
stir up my faith, make me an instrument of grace,
Of mercy, blessing, peace, and joy.
Let me not miss another day
In seeing what your gifts can do.
Giver of every perfect gift.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Exodus 1:8-11, 22, 2:1-10

Luke 3:2b-3, 15-18, 21-22

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

SERMON *Claimed* | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*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 *Praeludium in A minor* | Buxtehude

*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

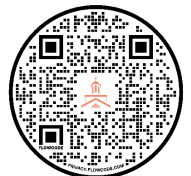
*SENDING HYMN NO. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*SENDING MUSIC *Fugetto* | Buxtehude

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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

Catherine Sherwood, 11:00am Acolyte

Carey Keane, 11:00am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am Will Myers | 11:00am Bennett Sherwood, Will Myers, John Hills

Coming up this week!

Presbyterian Women Meetings

The next meeting of PW Sunday Circle is today from 5:00-6:30pm in the Glover Room. The Study subject will be "How much land does a (wo)man need?" Land Justice.

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women will be on Monday, January 13 at 10:00am in Holland Hall. Our study will be Chapter 5 of our study book, "Air Quality". Lunch will be served for \$7.

Stephen Ministry Grief Share

Wednesdays, beginning January 15 | 6-8pm | Room 231

A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

To learn more or sign up, email Denise Lobodinski: lobodrake@aol.com.

Family Autism Support Group

Beginning Thursday, January 16 | 3rd Thursdays | 7:00-8:30pm | Room 051

This is a support group for families of those on the autism spectrum including information about school and community resources. Led by Janet Lewis.

Questions? Email drjanet770@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FPC

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

How Much More by Lisa Harper on Tuesdays | 9:30am-12:00pm | Room 055

Looking ahead! A study of *Esther: Daring Faith For Such A Time As This* by Kelly Minter will begin March 4. Refreshments, workbook discussion time, and a 30-40 min video. Questions? Linda Bush at 770-856-8443

Thursday Bible Study Spring 2025 Study

begins Thursday, January 23

Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright

Purchase the book at www.amazon.com/Surprised-Hope-Rethinking-Resurrection-Mission/dp/0061551821

FPC Men's Group

Upcoming 2025 dates: 1/27, 2/17, 3/24, 4/28

Contact John Knox at Jdknox162@gmail.com to join!

Writers Support Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21 | 6pm | Glover Room

If you'd like to write but need assistance, we can help! If you are already a writer and would like to offer your input to others, FPC has just the place for you! Join us at the Writers Support Group on the third Tuesday of each month! Questions? Reach out to Chick Freund at cfz3@hotmail.com.

Movement Class

As the new year starts, now is the time to get moving again! Join us on Thursdays at 10am for an hour of strengthening, balance training, and movement life skills specifically designed for seniors. Our leader, Victor Hall, is a former science teacher with a long history in sports and coaching, and has been a trainer for over 20 years, specializing in the needs of seniors. Sessions are \$25 each. If you are interested, please call Lynne Sloop at (404) 217-7574 for more information.

Next Fellowship Breakfast: Sunday, February 9

Summer 2025 Musical Camp

Godspell Jr. is coming to FPC this June! Stay tuned for details!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT FPC

Club 3:30 Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Help is needed on Mondays and Thursdays in the K-2nd grade room from 4:30-5:45pm. Please reach out to Mary Groves at MaryGroves@fpcmarietta.org or 404-735-8277.

FPC Caring Ministry

The Caring Ministry of the Congregational Care Council is very interested in connecting its volunteer Caregivers with church members who might benefit from personal communications with a new friend each month, offering a continued sense of FPC belonging to those limited physically in attending church regularly. If you may be interested or if you are aware of a friend or relative who may be interested in such a relationship with an able church member, please contact Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood at 770-427-0293 or at PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org.

Calling all Seamstresses!

We need to restock our stash of baby blankets for babies born into the life of FPC Marietta! For babies born into our family of faith, FPC gifts the family with a baby blanket and gift card for parents to have a meal. Blankets measure around 35"x24.5" and we would love anyone who feels called to help replenish our supply. Questions? Contact Adrean Grant at AdreanGrant@fpcmarietta.org.

Emergency Overflow Shelter Transportation

MUST will activate emergency shelters when overnight temperatures are expected to fall to 35 degrees or below. We need volunteers to drive the church van, to ride in the van (so two volunteers are in each van, and to drive their own vehicle (for transporting luggage and other belongings).

Reach out to Jeff Byrd at 770.295.8326 or jeffbyrdis@gmail.com for more details!

P/T Facilities Manager Position Monday-Friday - up to 25 hours.

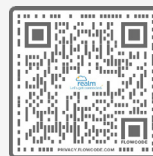
The Facilities Manager supports the Property Committee to oversee the church building and grounds maintenance, and facilities care functions to promote a clean, well-kept, and safe environment for members and visitors. Please contact Melissa Ricketts at MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org.

Medical Equipment

The church has accumulated some extra medical equipment. If you or a loved one have a need for one of the following, email BeccaYan@fpcmarietta.org and you can pick it up at the church: Shower/Tub Chair (2), Toilet Seat Extension, Cane (7), Walker (2), Doughnut Cushion (2), Wheelchair Footrest (2 pair).

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