



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

*Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

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## 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 chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sue Strauss in memory of Van Pearlberg, celebrating a life cherished and well lived. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

Contact Mary Anne Lanier to sign up to provide flowers: [17lanier@gmail.com](mailto:17lanier@gmail.com)

## JOIN US

New members are received each month in worship.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken Farrar at [kenfarrar@icloud.com](mailto: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 green marks the worship space and the pastors' robes during this season after epiphany. The green will remain as we read Gospel lessons focused on Jesus' life and teachings.*

## WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC     *Festival Prelude* | Charpentier

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 71*)

In you, O Lord, I seek safety.

**Rescue me from trouble.**

**Bend down to listen to my cries for help.**

Be to me a rock of refuge,

A strong fortress to protect me.

**You, O Lord, are my hope,**

**My trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 643     *Now Thank We All Our God*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous Lord,**

**It is so hard to take the advice of my doctor,**

**when she prescribes changes in my lifestyle that I don't want to make.**

**I've heard my dentist's warning,**

**yet I rationalize my way out of flossing each night.**

**There are so many things in my life that I know aren't good for me,**

**but I do them anyway.**

**You provide wisdom in the words of many prophets,**

**yet I do not heed their call.**

**I continue down my broken path.**

**Before I reach my ruin,**

**let me listen, grow, and change.**

**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. 693      *Though I May Speak*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY      *There Is A Balm in Gilead* | Larson

## \*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

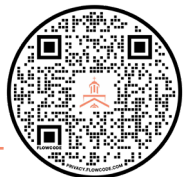
CHORAL ANTHEM      *O Love* | Hagenberg

*O Love, O Love, O Love,  
that will not let me go,  
O Love, O Love, O Love,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, O Joy, O Joy,  
that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
and feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, O Love, O Love,  
that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
And in thy ocean depths its flow  
Shall richer, fuller be.  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, O Love, O Love,  
that will not let me go.*



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# GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Luke 4:21-30

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

SERMON *Called* | The Rev. Andy Casto-Waters, General Presbyterian

## 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and highest joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, everlasting God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. We praise you, for in Jesus Christ, the mystery of the Word made flesh, you sent a light to shine upon the world, that we might be brought out of darkness into your marvelous

light. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore: **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**

*Everyone is welcome to take part in the sacrament of communion in the Presbyterian Church. You don't have to be a member. The table is open and you are welcome. If you have a gluten sensitivity, the bread in the center of each tray is gluten free.*

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

## **GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE**

\*SENDING HYMN NO. 697      *Take My Life*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

\*SENDING MUSIC      *Shine, Jesus, Shine* | Blackwell

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## Today's Worship Leaders

*Rev. Andy Casto-Waters, General Presbyter*

*Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate*

*Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor of Fellowship & Outreach*

*Betsy Sherwood, Preschool Director/Nursery Coordinator*

*Denise Lobodinski, 8:30am Beadle*

*Harry Foster, 11:00am Acolyte | Hannah Lindsey, 11:00am Scripture Reader*

*Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts*

*Chancel Choir | Chohee Kim, Principal Organist*

*Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Steve Jones | 11:00am: Thomas Foster, John Hills, Joe Jordan*

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Our guest preacher, Rev. Andy Casto-Waters  
is the General Presbyter of Cherokee Presbytery.

*Cherokee Presbytery serves part of the Atlanta Metro and the North Georgia Mountains.*

*Andy's role is in supporting and resourcing local congregations or*

*New Church Development with the goal of ensuring that our ministries  
are able to live into the calling to which they have been called.*

*To receive biweekly news from Cherokee Presbytery via email,  
contact Sarita Morris, Presbytery Coordinator at [sarita@cherokeepresbytery.org](mailto:sarita@cherokeepresbytery.org).*



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# FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE



## SUNDAYS

Find details in the bulletin or scan the QR code

- FEB 2** Guest Preacher: Rev. Andy Casto-Waters, Cherokee Presbytery General Presbyter  
Youth Movie Night | 5-7pm | Holland Hall
- FEB 9** Guest Preacher: Rev. Andy Casto-Waters, Cherokee Presbytery General Presbyter  
FPC 101 Class for New Members | 9:45-10:45am | History Room  
Youth Super Bowl Party | 6pm | at the Marcum's
- FEB 16** FPC 101 Class for New Members | 9:45-10:45am | History Room  
No Children/Youth Sunday School | Nursery opens at 10:45am | No Youth Group
- FEB 23** FPC 101 Class for New Members | 9:45-10:45am | History Room  
Presbyterian Women Sunday Circle | 5pm | Glover Room  
Youth Group 5-7pm



### Online Giving Update!

We've made it easier than ever for you to give to FPC. We've switched to Realm eGiving, which allows you to give online, through our Realm Connect mobile app or online at [fpcmarietta.org/give](http://fpcmarietta.org/give). Make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts, and consider covering the processing fees so your gifts go even further for our ministry.

If you set up a recurring gift or pledge on Pushpay, please cancel it, and set up a new recurring gift through Realm!

Need help navigating Realm eGiving or setting up your recurring gift? Email [MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org).

### Pledge Envelopes

Envelopes for weekly pledges can be found at the Front Desk.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:45-10:45AM)

#### Children Sunday School

2s and 3s: Rm 103 | Prek-1st Grade: Rm 206

2nd-5th Grades: Rm 216

#### Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12: Pastors Conference Room

#### Adult Sunday School

Young Adults | Rm 231

30-50s Class | Lectionary study | Rm 053

New Seasons | Lectionary study | Rm 051

Explorers | Ephesians | Rm 050

Faith Builders | Lectionary Study | Rm 055

Faith Journeys in the Americas | Rm 052



### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

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Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins this week. Members of FPC have priority registration and receive 15% off tuition. Go to [fpcmarietta.org/preschool](http://fpcmarietta.org/preschool) or reach out to Betsy Sherwood at [preschool@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:preschool@fpcmarietta.org).

### **Cobb New Horizons Jazz Ensemble**

Join Jubilee on February 12 and enjoy 90 minutes of “Tap-a da Toe” big band music!  
Lunch begins at 11:30am (\$7/person) | The band begins at 12:30pm  
Registration for lunch is required. Scan the QR code or email [BeccaYan@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:BeccaYan@fpcmarietta.org).



### **FPC On Demand Clothing Drive**

Cold weather brings with it many challenges and it brings a particular challenge to individuals incarcerated in July but released in January, for the clothing worn at the time of confinement is the same clothing worn when released from the Cobb County Detention Center.

With the chill of winter upon us, we are asking for your help. Please donate coats, sweatshirts, jeans and shoes from your closets or a local thrift shop. Please note that the need for men’s clothing is about 15 times greater than for women.

You will find a bin in the Gathering Space labeled FPC On Demand Clothing Drive.  
Thank you for your generosity!

### **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](mailto:jeffbyrdis@gmail.com) for more details!

### **FPC Men’s Group**

Bonhoeffer Video Series: 1/27, 2/18, 3/24, 4/28 | 6pm | Glover Room

In Bonhoeffer, a four-session small group study, New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas will help you discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today. Email [jdknox162@gmail.com](mailto:jdknox162@gmail.com) to join!

### **Presbyterian Women**

The regular meeting of Presbyterian Women will be on Monday February 10 at 10:00 am in Holland Hall. We will be studying Chapter Six about Climate Change. Lunch will be served following the meeting (\$7/person).

The PW Sunday Circle will meet on February 23 at 5:00 pm in the Glover Room.  
Email Ann Keane at [akkeane@gmail.com](mailto:akkeane@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Book Club**

2nd Wednesday of every month at 6pm

Next Meeting (Feb. 12): *The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War* by Ben Macintyre  
Email [njkirk@mindspring.com](mailto:njkirk@mindspring.com) for more information.

### **FPC Pedalers Bike Riding Group**

Next ride: Friday February 21 | 1:30pm | From the Silver Comet Trail at FLOYD Road

We usually ride an hour out and an hour back, but we can modify the ride to fit the needs of the group. This is a social activity, not a race! We ride for pleasure.

If you have questions, please call Jennifer Davis at 404-210-3697 or Nancy Jo Kirk at 678-986-3967.