



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 2025 | 8:30AM

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 in memory of her mother, Jean D. Hoisington, by Dee Cobb.

Contact Mary Anne Lanier to sign up to provide flowers: 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.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

The Season of Lent marks the forty days of preparation for Easter. During these forty days prepare your heart for the Resurrection through fasting and repentance as we remember the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert tempted by the devil fasting in the wilderness. Notice the purple vestments on the Communion Table, pulpit, and pastors' robes that will remain until the end of the Maundy Thursday service.

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | Dale

WELCOME

INTROIT *Softly and Tenderly* | Claussen

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling calling for you and for me.	Come home, come home You who are weary come home,
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling calling O sinner, come home.	Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling calling O sinner, come home.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are our God.
We are here to praise you.
We are thirsty for your living water,
and we are here to praise you.
We will bless you as long as we live.
We lift up our hands and call on your name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 396** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
We know we are not perfect. We come to you this morning to admit the mistakes we've made. We have hurt each other with our words, and we have ignored our neighbors in need. We have been selfish and we have forgotten that you are the source of all we have. Help us remember to listen to your voice, to see each other as brothers and sisters, and to love with your heart. Forgive us when we mess up and help us remember to forgive each other. In this silence, hear our confession.

KYRIE NO. 575 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, Have mercy upon us.

*Note: Leaders: regular font | **People: bold font** | *Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord Jesus bears our suffering and our sin.

Pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities,

He poured himself out for the healing of the world.

Through him, the power of sin is broken forever.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. World without end, without end, Amen.

As it was in the beginning,

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be. Amen.

is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*SONG OF PREPARATION

Gathered in God's Name | Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the table and font. Gathered as one family in the name of love. [Refrain]

Gathered in God's name 'round the waters of grace, claimed and marked by the Spirit, in the name of love.
[Refrain]

Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and
gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one family in the name of
love.

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.**

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Genesis 1:27-31

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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

SERMON *Holy Chaos* | Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate 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 *I Cry to Thee, Lord* | Scheidt

***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. 543** *O Christ, Surround Me*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Total Praise* | Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills.	You are the source of my strength.
Knowing my help is coming from you.	You are the strength of my life.
Your peace, you give me in time of the storm.	I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

***SENDING MUSIC** *From Death of Woe I Cry to Thee* | Zachow

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



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

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

Lynne Sloop, 8:30am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Ben Brinitzer

A Special Invitation Today

Please join us to celebrate the ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of

Dr. Brennan Breed as a teaching elder in the PC(USA) today at 2pm.

The service of ordination will take place in the Sanctuary and all are invited and welcomed!



BUILD THE NEXT 190 YEARS

Building a Firm Foundation Continue the legacy of First Presbyterian Church

Will you accept the challenge? The Session of FPC Marietta has challenged each of us to participate in the Building A Firm Foundation campaign to raise \$2 Million in 2025. These funds are needed for repairs to our church's four buildings and replace equipment that is costly to repair and operate.

We also have the opportunity to enhance the worship experience and to better support our youth, music, education, and mission outreach ministries. FPC hosts over 20 external groups that depend on these four buildings to serve our local community and schools. Many rely on our church to have a firm foundation every day of the week.

Let's restore God's house and build for the next 190 years.

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Season of Lent

March 5-April 17 The Season of Lent marks the forty days of preparation for Easter. During these forty days prepare your heart for the Resurrection through fasting and repentance as we remember the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert tempted by the devil fasting in the wilderness.

Holy Week

April 13-19

Holy Week Mid-Day Services

April 14-18 | 11:50am | Sanctuary

Suggested Lunch Donation: \$5/day

Join us for daily devotionals led by local Marietta pastors. All are welcome to a soup and sandwich lunch following the devotionals.

Monday: Rev. Don Ezell - Turner Chapel AME

Tuesday: Rev. David Eldridge - Stonebridge

Wednesday: Rev. Eric Beckham - Zion Baptist

Thursday: Rev. Brandon Owen - First Baptist

Friday: Rev. Joe Evans - First Presbyterian

Volunteers Needed: Sign up in the Gathering Space or by contacting Carrie Kennedy at carriekennedy@mac.com or Libba Schell at libbaschell@gmail.com.



40 for 40

Please consider donating shelf stable items to our FPC Food Pantry this Lenten season! Details can be found online at fpcmarietta.org/events and in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Lecture Series on Spiritual Disciplines

March 9, 16, 23, 30

Join Dr. Brennan Breed for a series on Spiritual Disciplines where we will explore what the Bible says about: prayer, meditation, fasting, & suffering.

Holy Week Art and Photography Exhibit

The Music & Arts Committee will host its 3rd Holy Week Art Exhibition & Photography Show on display April 14-18. If interested in showing your art or photographs, please email ginlea@me.com with a photo of your work by March 30.

Maundy Thursday - April 17 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Communion will be served. In this service, we remember how Jesus, at table with his disciples, took the bread and the cup and issued this mandate: "Do this in remembrance of me."

Good Friday - April 18 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. Seven different preachers from our congregation will offer a brief homily based on one of the seven last words that Jesus uttered before he breathed his last.



Easter Lilies

Dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one this Easter.

Forms and payment information are available online and in the Gathering Space and due by Wed., April 16.

A list of dedications will be available on Easter Sunday.

MARCH AT A GLANCE



SUNDAYS

Find details in the bulletin or scan the QR code

- MAR 23** Children & Youth Worship at 11am
Brennan Breed Ordination Service 2pm
Children/Youth Mission Project 5pm
- Sign up required for Mission Project
- MAR 30** Legacy Society Luncheon | 12pm
Youth Group 5-7pm



FPC Garden Walks Saturday, April 26

Volunteers are needed for our first annual FPC Garden Walks: A tour of selected gardens of FPC members, as well as FPC's mini-gardens! Go to fpcmarietta.org/events to receive more details.

WEEKDAYS

- Monday 3/24 Men's Group | 6pm
Tuesday 3/25 Spring Concert | 7pm
Tuesday 3/25 Ladies' Bible Study | 9am
Wednesday 3/26 Healing & Wholeness | 6:15pm
Thursday 3/27 Movement Class | 10am
Thursday 3/27 Thursday Bible Study | 11:30am
Thursday 3/27 Going Forward | 1pm

Going Forward

For those who have lost their Spouse

- 2nd Tuesday | 6-8pm | Glover Room
3rd Sunday | 12-2pm | Room 049
4th Thursday | 1-3pm | Glover Room

A safe place to express emotions, doubts, and find new possibilities, adjust to a "new normal," and to develop a sustainable living pattern.

1835 LEGACY SOCIETY INVITATION

Please register for complimentary lunch in Holland Hall following the 11am worship service on March 30. A 30-minute presentation "From Everlasting to Everlasting" and Q&A will provide important information about creating your legacy at First Presbyterian Church of Marietta. Guest speaker Reverend Dana Waters, Ministry Relations Officer for Presbyterian Foundation, will present Steps to A Legacy Gift.



At the conclusion you will be invited to be a founding member of the 1835 Legacy Society. Need help? Email AndrewTatnall@fpcmarietta.org.

spring concert series

March 25
7pm | Sanctuary



with Eurasia Trio

Violinist Dr. Qiao Chen Solomon
Cellist Dr. Martin Gueorguiev
Pianist Dr. Paolo André Gualdi

A Service of Healing & Wholeness

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 | 6:15PM | SANCTUARY

Join us for a time to grieve, a time for prayers, and a time to contemplate God working in our lives. We will call upon the Lord for healing and restoration to wholeness.

We will celebrate Holy Communion and you will have an opportunity for private prayer and anointing with oil. All are invited to worship together and support one another.

FPC Pedalers

Next ride: Friday April 4 at 1:30PM

From: Silver Comet Trail at FLORENCE RD

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

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

Caregivers Conference: Honoring caregivers as every day heroes

Saturday, April 26 | 8am-2pm | Zion Baptist Church

Admission is free, but registration is required: www.zbcmarietta.org/events-at-zbc

Are you a Caregiver for a friend or for someone in your family? This conference is for you.

It is geared as a day of respite for caregivers. A day of caring for yourself. Attendees receive workshops, breakfast and lunch, entertainment, and information from medical professionals.

Funeral Hospitality Committee

An opportunity for service has arisen at FPC, and it comes in the form of what will be a newly-formed Reception Hospitality Committee. Many families that are preparing for a funeral would like to have the opportunity to offer a reception after the service. With all of the other things that they have to think about, we in our church family may be able to lighten their load by preparing refreshments for them in a warm environment in our church. At a time of great stress, it is one additional way that we can show our love and care for them.

We envision a committee that has enough members that the load will be light but the satisfaction will be great. If you are looking for a way to become involved in a Christian ministry such as this, please let our Executive Assistant Susan Palacios know by calling 678-741-8558.



Myths about Stephen Ministry

Myth: My problems aren't big enough. Stephen Ministry is only for someone who is in a terrible situation.

Fact: Anyone going through a tough time could benefit from working with a Stephen Minister. Sometimes life just feels overwhelming! You don't have to be going through a tragedy or feel "broken" to seek help.

Myth: Everyone will know I'm seeking help, and I'm embarrassed!

Fact: Only the Stephen Ministry coordinator will know who is paired together. The Stephen Minister you are assigned to will be completely confidential and will never disclose your name or the details of your situation, not even to other Stephen Ministers. No one else will even know you have a Stephen Minister unless you tell them.

Myth: If I have a Stephen Minister, I need to meet with them for years, and I can't commit to that.

Fact: When you are paired with a Stephen Minister, you and your Care Giver will work through your challenges on your schedule. There is no set time frame for the caring relationship! You will talk with your Stephen Minister, ideally once a week, for as long as you need.

Go to fpcmarietta.org/stephen-ministry

or contact Stephen Leader Claire Francis at 678-313-1961 or francisr@bellsouth.net.