



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 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.

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 Mary Anne and Jaime Lanier in loving memory of their parents.

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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* | Conkey

WELCOME

INTROIT *Softly and Tenderly* | Claussen

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling
calling for you and for me.
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling
calling O sinner, come home.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 91)

The Lord is our refuge and strength,
Whom shall we fear?

**Not the sword of men,
Or the teeth of the lion,**

Not the ache of hunger,
Or the torment of disease.

No fiery trial or bitter tribulation will shake us.

When trouble comes, we will trust in our God.

For all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 353** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, when Jesus was tested in the wilderness, your Word became his bread and your Spirit his shield. He prevailed over temptation, but too often we succumb. We believe the lie that our hope, purpose, and joy can be found in this world. We forget who we are and whose we are. We go astray. In your great mercy, forgive us our sin and lead us back to your life-giving ways.

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.

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,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be.

Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end, Amen.

As it was in the beginning,

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

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

3. Gathered in God's name 'round the peace of the Lord, in the presence of Christ, 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.

(11:00am) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 *Set me as a Seal* | Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death
set me as a seal upon you heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death

Many waters cannot quench love
neither can the floods drown it
neither can the floods drown it
(neither can the floods drown it
neither can they drown it)

Set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

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

SERMON *What's Your Story?* | Rev. Cassie Waits, 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | Colvin

***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. 753** *I Love to Tell the Story*

***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** *Trumpet Tune on "St. Theodulph"* | Helman

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



Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

Betsy Sherwood, Weekday Preschool Director/Children's Fellowship Coordinator

Bebe Adams, 8:30am Beadle

James Waits, 11:00am Acolyte

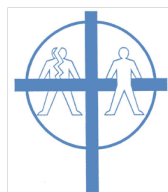
Jim Ray, 11:00am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Ben Brinitzer | 11:00am: Alice Estrada Dewar, John Hills, Joe Jordan



got care?
STEPHEN MINISTRY

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended for us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

When you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers (care givers) are trained members of the church who provide confidential, one-on-one emotional and spiritual support to those experiencing life's challenges, offering hope and healing in difficult times.

We are the care givers, God is the cure giver.
Contact Claire Francis, Stephen Leader: 678-313-1961

MARCH AT A GLANCE



SUNDAYS

Find details in the bulletin or scan the QR code

- MAR 9** 1st Sunday in Lent | Lenten Lecture Series begins (9:45am) | No Youth Group
- MAR 16** PW Sunday Circle 5pm
Youth Group 5-7pm
- MAR 23** Children & Youth Worship at 11am
Children/Youth Mission Project 5pm
- *Sign up required for Mission Project*
- MAR 30** Legacy Society Luncheon
Youth Group 5-7pm

THIS WEEK

- Monday 3/10 Presbyterian Women | 10am
Tuesday 3/11 Pantry on Church
Tuesday 3/11 Going Forward
Widow(ers) Group | 6pm
Wednesday 3/12 Book Club | 6pm
Thursday 3/13 Movement Class | 10am
Thursday 3/13 Thursday Bible Study | 11:30am



FPC Garden Walks Saturday, April 26

Volunteers are needed for our first annual FPC Garden Walks!

Prior to the event, gardens will need some prep-work done (light planting, spreading mulch, pickup pinecones & debris, moving lawn furniture).

On the day of the walk, volunteers are needed to greet guests and assist in tasks such as overseeing parking and giving directions for the walk. Find details and sign up at fpcmarietta.org/events.

All volunteers will be eligible to attend a pre-tour party on April 25 for fellowship and to tour the gardens.

NEW FPC SUPPORT GROUPS:

Going Forward

The purpose of this group is to help widows and widowers have a safe place to express feelings, emotions, doubts, and find new possibilities; adjust to a "new normal," and to develop a sustainable living pattern.

2nd Tuesday, 6-8pm (Glover Rm)

3rd Sunday, 12-2pm (Rm 049)

4th Thursday, 1-2pm (Glover Rm)

Questions? Terry Barton:

terry@bartonsite.org or (404) 550-8808

Family Autism Support Group

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. Questions? Janet Lewis: drjanet770@gmail.com

A SERVICE OF

Healing & Wholeness

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
6:15PM | SANCTUARY



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.

Lenten Lecture Series: Spiritual Disciplines

March 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 9:45am | Sanctuary

Join Dr. Brennan Breed for a series on Spiritual Disciplines where we will explore what the Bible says about: prayer, meditation, fasting, and suffering. How do we engage these ancient practices? How do they inform our beliefs about the mystery of Jesus' death and the miracle of his resurrection?



40 FOR 40

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to *give up* something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative is to *give* to someone who needs what you take for granted. Please consider donating shelf stable items to our FPC Food Pantry! Details can be found online at fpcmarietta.org/events and in the Gathering Space.

SPRING CONCERTS:

Duo Arpeggione (cellist Dr. Claudio Jaffe & pianist Dr. Catherine Lan
Tuesday, March 18 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Eurasia Trio (Qiao Chen Solomon:
Violinist and professor Martin
Gueorguiev: Cellist, Paolo Andre
Gualdi: Pianist)
Tuesday, March 25 | 7pm | Sanctuary



Holy Week



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.

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

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. Even if you do not have artwork to share, we hope you can at join us to enjoy the show each day of Holy Week.

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.

Cake Kits Children & Youth Spring Mission

Sunday, March 23 | 5-7pm | Holland Hall

We will team up with FPC Youth to put together cake kits for the FPC Pantry on Church. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with the mission project and games/playground time to follow. We ask that each participant bring a box of cake mix and a can of icing with them that evening. Please sign up if you plan to attend, so that we have enough dinner for everyone! Go to fpcmarietta.org/events

Funeral Reception Hospitality Committee

An opportunity for service has arisen at FPC, and it comes in the form of what will be a newly-formed Hospitality Committee for Funeral Receptions. 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.

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.

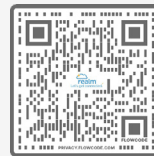
At the conclusion you will be invited to be a founding member of the 1835 Legacy Society.

Need help? Email AndrewTatnall@fpcmarietta.org.
Holland Hall seating is limited so register early!



Get connected! Scan the QR codes to download the Realm Connect app for our online directory and more, or access Realm online at onrealm.org.

Are you a member and not signed up for Realm?
Email BeccaYan@fpcmarietta.org



IPHONE CODE



ANDROID CODE