



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 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)*

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

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in the Season of Lent, and as we remember the great day of celebration when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, palms and cloaks carpeting his path, know that this path leads to his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday begins the most important week of the year. From here he goes to eat the Last Supper with his disciples, experience the betrayal of Judas, stand trial, and then be crucified. These world changing events occur during Holy Week which reaches completion next Sunday, Easter Sunday.

WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:30am) *Were You There?* | Harmon
 (11:00am) *Ah, Holy Jesus* | Hungerford

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 19:38)

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the Lord of Lords!

Here he comes, riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey!

Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

King of kings and Lord of lords,

Forgive us, for while we have been waiting for you to come,

We have not been acting as citizens of your kingdom.

We have showered our praises on the powers of the earth.

We have trusted in kings who lead where you would not have us go.

We have grown to accept injustice as a normal way of life.

We have hung onto every word of those who preach fear and feed our insecurities.

We have scoffed at those who have lost work.

We have turned a blind eye to the poor.

We have become suspicious of our neighbors.

We have harbored hatred of our enemies in our hearts.

Lord God, return to us the joy of our salvation and teach us to love as you would love.

Empower us to look beyond ourselves to see through the eyes of our Savior, Jesus.

In this silence, hear our confession.

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. 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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (8:30am) *Meditation at the Cross* | Whitworth

(11:00am) *O Sacred Head* | Compton

*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

ANTHEM *God, So Loved the World* | Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

That whoso believeth in Him should not perish,

But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,

But that the world through Him might be saved.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-44

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

SERMON *Ridding A Borrowed Donkey* | 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory. Hear our voices as we lift them together, thanking and praising you:

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

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

These are the gifts of for the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT (11:00am) *Broken for You* | Wrsinger
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. 209** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, and be gracious. The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

***SENDING MUSIC** *Were You There?* | Hamlin

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

Bebe Adams, 8:30am Beadle

Catherine Sherwood, 11:00am Acolyte

Jeff Byrd, 11:00am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir | Kirk Ringers

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Ben Brinitzer | 11:00am: Bennett Sherwood, Jimmy Eaves, John Hills

Join us today at 9:45am in the Sanctuary for a special
Palm Sunday lecture with Rev. Dr. Brennan Breed

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

MID-DAY DEVOTIONALS

Join us each day of Holy week for devotionals led by local Marietta pastors, followed by a soup & sandwich lunch.

Monday-Friday
April 14-18 | 11:50am
\$5 Suggested
Donation for Lunch

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.



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

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.



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.



FPC Garden Walks Saturday, April 26

Register today to visit selected gardens of some of our FPC members, as well as tour the mini-gardens at FPC!

Go to fpcmarietta.org/events.



Join us in
welcoming the
Georgia Youth Choir
for their performance
at FPC on
April 27 at 3pm

Graduate Recognition



We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 18 at the 11am service! If you are a graduating senior from High School or College and want to be included, please send the following to JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org by Monday, May 12: Student's full name (as you want it shown on the brochure/slide show), Name of school graduating from and major if applicable, Post-graduation plans, Photo (senior photo or other recent photo).

Mission trip to Mexico

FPC is sending a team to Mexico to construct a building with our partners at Casa Samuel.

Volunteers are needed!

No experience is necessary. Builders will leave for Monterrey on May 26 or 27 and return June 2.

Ages 14 and older are welcome.

If you are interested, please contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com or Erroll Eckford at erroll3@att.net.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

The PW Sunday Circle will meet on April 13 from 5-6:30 in the Glover Room. Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday at 10:00 in Holland Hall. Both groups will be studying Chapter 8 on Intergenerational Justice. For more information, contact Ann Keane at akkeane@gmail.com



FPC is changing things up this summer! In

lieu of VBS this year, we are hosting a musical theater camp! Godspell, Jr. is coming to our church June 9-13.

Questions? Email Katie Waters at waters_kathleen@yahoo.com or Jeffrey Meeks at JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday Lecture with Rev. Breed | 9:45am

Sunday, April 26

Garden Walks | 10am-2pm

Sunday, April 27

Georgia Youth Choir | 3pm

Sunday, May 11

Red Cross Blood Drive | 8am-1pm

Saturday, July 27

Pantry on Church Celebration | Two Birds | 5pm



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FUNDS PLEDGED: \$953,953.35 | PAID ON PLEDGES: \$747,287.87 | FUNDS EXPENDED: \$75,535.84

Gifts received to date are funding the following projects currently underway:
Youth Room Renovation and Speed Building Roof

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