



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 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 flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Kirk & Anne Maassen, 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

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the Church year, and the celebration continues for six more Sundays. Today we celebrate that “He is Risen!” Indeed, he has conquered death and sin by rising from the dead. As a sign that Christ has won victory over the grave the purple vestments of Lent that marked the communion table, pulpit, and pastors’ stoles are replaced by the white vestments of Easter as a sign of everlasting life.

WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:30am) *Trumpet Tune for A Festive Day* | Lasky
 (11:00am) *Invention No. 8* | Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 118*)

The stone that the builders rejected.

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

King of heaven, we confess that while you have risen to rule the world,

We continue in the ways of death.

While you offer us your forgiveness,

We fail to receive it and are slow to extend it to our neighbors.

Although the earth proclaims the glory of God,

We believe the bad news and doubt the Good News.

Forgive us, O God of grace. In this silence, hear our confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power of us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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.

(11:00am) **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

***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. 817** *We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight*

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.

SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus | Johnson

*Jordan Stewart is a graduating senior in music at Morehouse College
and is a recipient of the FPC Music and Arts Institute Scholarship.*

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

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

SERMON *Those Who Ask Questions Receive Answers* | Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(11:00am) **REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT FOR THE 2025
CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Logan Chase Cleveland, Maggie Davis, & Michelle Else White

***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.

(11:00am) **PRAYER & WELCOME OF CONFIRMANDS**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Meditation on All Hail the Power* | Callahan

***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. 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

***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** *Trumpet Tune on Conquering Hero* | Handel

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

Lisa Fanto Swain, 8:30am Beadle

Josey Gilbert, 11:00am Acolyte

Brent Law, 11:00am Beadle

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Brody McGrath, Pianist

Jordan Stewart, Soloist

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

11:00am: Jimmy Eaves, John Hills

JOIN US TODAY:

Taste of Marietta

Our Youth will be fundraising for Taste of Marietta parking today. Parking for worship will not be affected.

If you are returning for afternoon events such as the Session meeting, glass recycling celebration, or the Georgia Youth Choir concert, please park in the Polk Street Lot as you are able.

If you are going to Taste of Marietta, we'd love for you to park in Main, West, and North lots and support our youth! Suggested donations: \$20

Our Glass Recycling Bin has arrived!

In partnership with our friends at Ripple Glass, our glass recycling bin whas been placed in the Polk Street Lot. Save up your glass and bring it with you on your way to church, and celebrate one more step FPC is making to become a more sustainable church and community.

Georgia Youth Choir Spring Concert

Today! April 27 | 3pm | Great Hall

This concert is free and open to the public. Please join us!

MAY AT A GLANCE

UPCOMING SUNDAYS More details on the back of your bulletin

MAY 4	Young Adult/Children's Ministries May the Fourth BBQ 1pm at Anderson Farm (details in bulletin) Youth Group 5-7pm (last regular Youth meeting) Presbyterian Women Sunday Circle (5pm Glover Room)
MAY 11	Blood Drive (8am-1pm) Sign up at redcrossblood.org
MAY 18	Graduate Recognition Sunday (during 11am worship) Last Children/Youth Sunday School Class (resumes Aug. 10) Youth End of Year Party (TBD)
MAY 25	Road Rules Commissioning (during 11am worship)



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, please send the following by May 12 to JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org: 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).

Children's Fellowship & Young Adult Ministries MAY THE FOURTH STAR WARS COOKOUT

Sunday, May 4th | 1pm

Anderson Farm | 1100 Burnt Hickory Rd

Grab a blanket/chair to chill, bring a fishing pole if you're into that!
We'll have burgers, yard games, lightsabers, and lots of fun! BYOB

FPC Pedalers



Next ride: Thursday, May 15 at 9:00am
From: Kennesaw Mountain overflow parking lot
Old 41 Highway NW Kennesaw 30152

We will ride from the parking lot on the Mountain to River Trail through Marietta for about an hour then return to Sessions Stand before riding back to the parking lot.

Parking in this lot requires a National Park parking pass; day pass, annual pass or lifetime pass if you are over 65, which you may purchase online ahead of time or at the kiosk at the parking lot. You may also rent bikes at the kiosk.

Questions? Jennifer Davis at 404-210-3697



Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, May 11 | 8am-1pm

Sign up today at redcrossblood.org.



Mexico Mission May 26/27-June 2

Volunteers needed!
No experience necessary.
If interested, please contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.

Going Forward

for those who have lost their spouse

This support group will now meet only on the 4th Thursdays at 1:15pm in the Glover Room.

Come find a safe place to express your feelings and doubts, find new possibilities, adjust to a new normal, and develop a sustainable living pattern.



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 with information and speakers on school & community resources

May 15: Managing guilt & Sibling challenges

FPC PERFORMING ARTS CAMP



JUNE 9-13 | 9AM-3PM

PERFORMANCE: JUNE 13 | 3PM

RISING 3RD - 12TH GRADERS

SIGN UP TODAY!

WWW.FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS

QUESTIONS?

WATERS_KATHLEEN@YAHOO.COM



FPC'S ONLINE STORE IS LIVE!

WWW.FPCMARIETTA.ORG/SHOP

Our online store is your go-to spot for picking up branded FPC merchandise! This is an on-demand shopping site, similar to online shopping you are already familiar with.



Reach out to Kelly Dewar with questions or stop by her office to view samples! KellyDewar@fpcmarietta.org

Thank you!

from The Pantry on Church

We are so very grateful for your support of our annual 40 for 40 Food Drive.

We recognize that this year's higher food prices made the drive a greater sacrifice for many of our participants; our hearts are overwhelmed by your generous support benefiting the 400 families FPC serves every week.

If you desire a receipt for your in-kind donations, please pick up a form from the folder outside Martie Moore's office door.





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BUILD THE NEXT 190 YEARS

Building a Firm Foundation

Continue the legacy of First Presbyterian Church

FUNDS PLEDGED: \$1,063,973.35 | PAID ON PLEDGES: \$827,707.87

FUNDS EXPENDED: \$115,038.52

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

FPC Financial Snapshot 2025 Annual Budget: \$ 2,206,616.00 as of 3/31/2025

Pledges Update %Pledges received (to budget)	Current Month-March	Year-To-Date
	96.5%	100.9%
Budget Update	Current Month (March)	Year-To-Date
Total Revenues:	\$ 179,360.84	\$ 710,233.12
Total Expenses:	\$ 199,252.86	\$ 559,751.12
Net Total:	(\$ 19,892.02)	\$ 150,482.00

- ❖ As we embark on the Building a Firm Foundation campaign, we appreciate the generous continual giving by our members as they fulfill their Stewardship pledges.
- ❖ Income is ahead for the year, partly due to the prepaying of pledges showing the continuing faith and confidence of those members.