



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 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 10:45am-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 and in honor of our hardworking, dedicated, and talented choir members whose beautiful music moves and inspires us every week.

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 through Palm Sunday.

PRELUDE *March* | Bach

WELCOME

INTROIT *I Will Arise* | Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus	Teach me some melodious sonnet	Come thou fount of every blessing
He will embrace me in His arms	Sung by flaming tongues above	Tune my heart to sing thy grace
In the arms of my dear Savior	Praise the mount i'm fixed upon it	Streams of mercy never ceasing
Oh there are ten thousand charms	Songs of thy redeeming love	Call forth songs of loudest praise

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43)

The Lord makes a way where there is no way.

He delivers his people

Through the mighty waters of the sea.

The Lord makes a way in the wilderness.

At his command, the wasteland becomes an oasis.

He calls forth life from empty wombs and empty tombs.

Even now, the Lord is doing a new thing. Let us perceive it!

Come, let us worship our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 645 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

Your love for us is higher than the heavens, deeper than the pit, and wider than the East is from the West. You love us foolishly, extravagantly, unconditionally. Yet, we confess that we do not return your love. We count our pennies, instead of our blessings. We grumble, instead of giving thanks. We receive compassion from you, but are loathe to share it with others. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to right relationships with each other and with you. 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, 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 peace of the Lord, in the presence of Christ, in the name of love. [Refrain]

[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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
(Christ, my God!)

All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small; love so amazing,
so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-11a(CEV)

John 12:1-8(NRSV)

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

SERMON *Do You Have Any Other Sons?* | 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 *Allemande* | Holborne

*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. 265 *Jesus, Shall Reign Where the Sun*

*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 *Allegro* | Bach

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

Lisa Fanto Swain, 8:30am Beadle

Catherine Sherwood, 11:00am Acolyte

Bennett Sherwood, 11:00am Scripture Reader

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chohee Kim, Principal Organist

Chancel Choir | Church Street Brass

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Will Myers | 11:00am: Zoë Payne, Will Myers, John Hills



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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

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.

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).



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.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4/8 Ladies' Bible Study | 9am
Tuesday 4/8 Pantry on Church
Tuesday 4/8 Going Forward | 6pm
Wednesday 4/9 Jubilee | 11:30am
Wednesday 4/9 Book Club | 6pm
Thursday 4/10 Movement Class | 10am

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)

PW will meet on Monday, April 14, at 10 am in Holland Hall. PW Sunday Circle will meet on Sunday, April 13. Please email CassieWaits@fpcmarietta.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 26

Garden Walks | 10am-2pm

Sunday, April 27

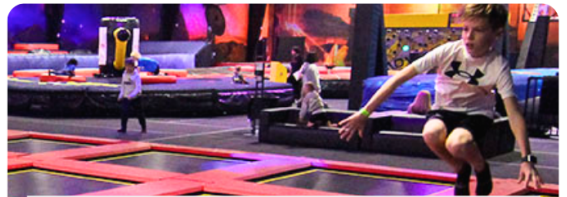
Georgia Youth Choir | 3pm

Sunday, May 11

Red Cross Blood Drive | 8am-1pm

Saturday, July 27

Pantry on Church Celebration | Two Birds | 5pm



PreK-5th Grade

Adventure Air Outing

Sunday, April 13 | 5-7pm | \$10/child
includes jump time & dinner

Parents are welcome to stay or drop off.
RSVP & complete waiver prior to event.

Go to fpcmarietta.org/events



got care?
STEPHEN MINISTRY

You can Play an important in our Stephen Ministry because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show how much you care!

Go to fpcmarietta.org/stephen-ministry
or contact Stephen Leader Claire Francis at 678-313-1961 or francisr@bellsouth.net