



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Changing Lives with Faith, Hope, and Love

SUNDAY, MAY 4 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.

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 *Adoration* | Borowski

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

The power of sin has been broken forever.

Where, O Death, is your sting?

The love of God has prevailed. Let us proclaim to every generation:

He is risen. He is risen, indeed!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 248** *Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord,

You encountered Mary in the garden, Thomas in the upper room,

Peter on the lakeshore, and Paul on the road to Damascus.

Those who have glimpsed your glory are forever changed.

Yet, we resist your offer of transformation.

You call us to a new way of living, but we cling to our old ways.

You would heal us, but we are scared to expose our wounds.

You would redeem us, but we are ashamed to admit our need.

**Forgive us, we pray. Break into our lives and reveal your presence to us,
that we might find the courage to rise to your call.**

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.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 412** *God Reveal Your Presence*

(8:30am) **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Penelope Eloise Krohne, daughter of Joshua & Amy Krohne

Session Representatives: Bennett Frye & Pam Googe

(11:00am) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Tempo di Menuetto (K. 304) | Mozart*

***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 *Give Me Jesus | Flemming*

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV)

Acts 9:1-8

John 21:1-7a

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

SERMON *Gone Fishing* | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

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.**

All Holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands. When sin had scarred the world, you entered into a covenant to renew the whole of creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own. You filled them with longing for peace that would last, and justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.

Through your chosen people, you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer. He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. With a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit. We offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as we lift our voices with the generations of the faithful, saying:

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.

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



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 *Holy, Holy, Holy | Funderburk*
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. 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

*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** *Fanfare | Lemmens*

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

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

John Ficken, 8:30am Beadle | Harry Foster, 11:00am Acolyte

Hannah Lindsey, 11:00am Scripture Reader

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Will Myers, Violinist

Audio/Visual Team: 8:30am: Steve Jones

11:00am: Thomas Foster, John Hills

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)



MUST Summer Lunch Volunteers
Wednesdays
June 4-30

FPC is a host site for MUST Summer Lunches. We will receive donations of food items, pack bags with 5 days of non-perishable breakfast, snack, and lunch items and deliver the bags to local children.

Find details, a list of needed food items, and sign up to volunteer at fpcmarietta.org/events

Children's Fellowship & Young Adult Ministries

MAY THE FOURTH STAR WARS COOKOUT

Today at 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.

Engagement Questionnaire

Please take a few minutes to complete the online Engagement Questionnaire (or find a hard copy in the Gathering Space).



Your responses will help the Engagement Committee identify existing strengths, future needs, and opportunities to support your participation and spiritual growth.

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



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

Presbyterian Women May Meetings

The PW Sunday Circle will finish the year at 5 pm on Sunday May 4th in the Glover Room.

The last meeting for this year will be held on Monday, May 12th. We will finish with our final lesson on Chapter 9. At 11:00 we will gather in the sanctuary for our Blessing of the Babies for this year, with lunch following in Holland Hall.

Cobb County Jail Library

Thank you to everyone for contributing so generously to the jail library! It is now at capacity, and is not taking additional donations at this time.





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Building a Firm Foundation

Continue the legacy of First Presbyterian Church

FUNDS PLEDGED: \$1,078,063.35 | PAID ON PLEDGES: \$941,522.87

FUNDS EXPENDED: \$113,998.52

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