



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, August 23, 2026 | 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. Our doors are wide open. 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 children ages six weeks through 4 years old 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 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.

Join us

New members are received each month in worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Matt Burnham at mattburnham2021@gmail.com.

Chancel Flowers

There are dates available this summer and fall to provide flowers for worship.

Contact Mary Anne Lanier at 17lanier@gmail.com.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

The color green marks the Sanctuary during the time after Pentecost. This season of the church year is a time when the church focuses on spiritual growth and discipleship.

Gathering Music

Sonata No.3 II. Adagio e dolce | Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

I Will Worship the Lord | Rutter

*Call to Worship

The Lord hears our voice.

And restores our strength.

Though the Lord is mighty,

He pays attention to the lowly.

God's steadfast love endures forever,

And his purpose for our lives will be fulfilled.

*Hymn of Praise No. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, redeem our world and save us from our sin.

We are vengeful.

Teach us to forgive.

We are prideful.

Grant us humility.

We are selfish.

Make us mindful of those who have nothing.

Holy God, soften our hearts to receive your grace,

so that we may worship you with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

In this silence, hear our confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning.

Great is his faithfulness.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** No. 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(11:00am) **Children's Message**

(11:00am) **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Margaret Lane Cole, Amelia Pearl Cole and James Ernest

Daughters of Ernie and Mary Brooks Cole

Hymn of Preparation No. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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.

Choral Anthem

"Hear My Prayer" | Hogan

The Chancel Choir

"Oh Lord

Please hear my prayer

In the morning when I rise

It's your servant

Bound for glory

Oh dear Lord

Please hear my prayer

*Oh Lord
Please hear my prayer
Keep me safe
Within your arms
It's your servant
Bound for glory
Oh dear Lord
Please hear my prayer
When my work
On earth is done
And you come
To take me home
Just to know
That I am Bound
For glory
And to hear you say
Well done."*

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Exodus 2:1-10 | Romans 12:1-8

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

Sermon *There are no Small Parts, Only Small Actors*
Rev. Dr. Joe Evans | Senior 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 arose 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

Fairest Lord Jesus | Raney

Doxology No. 606

**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. 697** *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | Lutkin

***Sending Music** *Festive Postlude in D* | Dixon

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor | Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor

8:30am Beadle: Lisa Fanto Swain | 11:00am Beadle: Stu Rubio

Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | The Chancel Choir

8:30am AV: Steve Jones | 11:00am AV: Ben Brinitzer, Jimmy Eaves, Reese Hobel

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Creagh by her family, Charles Williams, Kim Creagh, and Jeri Williams.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 6 | Following 8:30am and 11am Worship Services

FPC will hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the following members to the Officer Nominating Committee: Ann Stoskopf (Co-Chair), Emily Adams (Deacon), Blaine Clotfelter (At-Large) and Stacy Jensen (At-Large).



INVOLVAPALOOZA IS HERE!

There's a place for everyone at FPC.
Come learn about our church's many ministries and activities
where you can grow, serve, and connect.



INVOLVAPALOOZA

Sunday, August 23, 2026 | 9:30-11am | Holland Hall



FPC MEN'S GROUP

Monday, August 24 | 6pm | Glover Room

Develop a deeper relationship with God and other men of faith through Bible study, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the FPC Men's Group. This fall, the group will welcome FPC Marietta preachers as guest speakers. Meetings will be held on the fourth Mondays of the month from August-October, and a dinner option is available.

A Christmas gathering will also be held in early December.

For more information, contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.



FPC RENOVATION UPDATE



The renovation of our children's ministry wing is complete! A special thank you to our contractor, work crew and all involved in the planning, design and execution of this project for the beautiful upgrades.

- The Nursery has returned to the infant and toddler rooms in the Patton Building for Sunday morning care. Nursery care is now available for children ages six weeks to four years old from 9:30am-12:15pm each Sunday.
- Our Nursing Mother's Room has reopened. A key is available at the Nursery sign-in desk.
- Children in Pre-K-1st grade are welcome to join us for Children's Church following the Children's Message in the 11am worship service.
- Parent's Day Out has returned to the Nursery's infant and toddler rooms inside the Patton Building.



MARY GROVES' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 30 | 9:45-10:45am | Holland Hall

Join us as we celebrate Mary Groves and express our gratitude for 36 years of faithful service to our church and the children of Club 3:30. Scan the QR code to donate to her love offering.



SAVE THE DATE

BACK TO YOUTH EVENT: ADULT BIG WHEEL CLUB

Sunday, August 30 | 4-6pm | West Parking Lot



FPC's Youth Program is rolling into a new season with a kick-off event like no other!

The Adult Big Wheel Club will transform our West Parking Lot into a track, so our youth and advisors can race to the finish line. Comfortable clothes and athletic shoes are required. If you plan to join in the fun, R.S.V.P. to Jana Chesney at janachesney@fpcmarietta.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS: CHILDREN + YOUTH PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, September 13

Parents of children from birth through 5th grade, please gather in the Sanctuary at 9:45am. Children will be dismissed to Sunday School, while parents receive important information.

Parents of youth in 6th-12th grade should meet in the Youth Room at 10:30am.

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, September 13 | Youth Room | 5-7pm

POPSICLES IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 13 | 5:30-6:30pm

MAKE AN IMPACT: VOLUNTEER FOR CLUB 3:30

Make a lasting impact in the life of a child by volunteering with Club 3:30, FPC's after-school program that provides homework support, mentoring and encouragement for local elementary school students. Caring volunteers are needed from 4:15-5:45pm. To learn more, contact

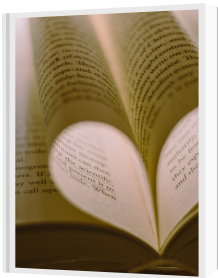
KellyDewar@fpcmarietta.org.



CAREGIVERS + LITTLES

PLAYGROUPS

Connect with families who share your faith at FPC's weekly playdates, continuing this fall. Locations rotate among members' homes, and all are welcome to attend. Children should be preschool age or younger, and caregivers must remain with their children. Scan the QR code to join the Playgroup GroupMe and get details, including playdate locations and times. Meeting times will alternate between mornings and afternoons, so all can participate. Questions? Email MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org.



FPC MARIETTA BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 9 | 6-7:30pm | Room 53 or via Zoom

Always looking for your next great read? Connect with fellow bibliophiles at the FPC Marietta Book Club! It meets on the second Wednesday of each month. You can also participate via Zoom. The club will be discussing “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese during the September meeting. For more information, contact Nancy Jo Kirk at njkirk@mindspring.com or 678-986-3967.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: QUILTERS NEEDED

Monday, September 14 | 10am-noon | Holland Hall

The Presbyterian Women’s group gifts a home-made quilt to every baby born to members of the church. As the congregation continues to grow, so does the need for quilters. If you can quilt or would like to learn the craft, please contact Shirley Newton at 850-249-6954 or snewton1028@gmail.com to support this ministry.



TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Tuesday, September 15 | 9:30am-noon | Room 55

Navigate these three chapters of the book of Matthew as they were originally heard and intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Questions? Contact Linda Bush at 770-856-8443 or newbush@comcast.net.



DISCOVERING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Wednesday, September 16 | 9:30-11:30am | Room 50

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible cover to cover? Here is your chance! Led by Rev. Zeta Lamberson on the third Wednesday of each month, this class offers a comprehensive study of each book of the Bible. A new cohort is forming this fall. A tuition fee of \$50 is required. To learn more, email Lamberson at billzeta@bellsouth.net.



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, September 17 | 7-8:30pm | Room 51

Meeting on the third Thursday of the month, this support group is for families of those on the autism spectrum. Share information, hear from subject matter experts, take part in group discussions, and find school and community resources. For more information, please contact Janet Lewis at drjanet770@gmail.com.

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