



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, September 6, 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 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 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 fall to provide flowers for worship. For more information, please contact Mary Anne Lanier at 17lanier@gmail.com

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

During the time after Pentecost, the color green typically marks the Sanctuary. However, as today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, notice that the color white marks the communion table, pulpit, and the pastors' robes. The color white is reserved for those Sundays of great celebration, so let us approach His table with joy, worshiping God with gladness!

Gathering Music

God of Grace | Manz

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Chorister's Prayer | Maloney

*Call to Worship

Wonderful are your works, O God!

Mighty are your deeds.

You make the nations rise and fall.

You lift up the lowly and seek out the lost.

You prepare a feast in the wilderness.

You deliver your children from death to life.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Come, let us worship our God!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, throughout the ages, you demonstrated your power through signs and wonders.

Even now, you are at work – protecting, guiding, healing, saving – but we confess that we do not recognize the miracles in our midst.

We are consumed by the demands of the day and our worries about tomorrow.

We do not count our blessings. We doubt your mighty deeds.

We have lost sight of you.

Forgive us, we pray!

Renew our faith and open our eyes to your presence among us.

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.

***Greeting One Another with 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 Holy Baptism** Lucas Alexander Gregory
Son of Shawn and Rebecca Gregory

***Hymn of Praise** No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Offering/Offertory

Kyrie and Rondeau from
"Sonata da Chiesa" | Callahan

***Doxology** No. 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

"O Love" | Hagenberg
The Chancel Choir

*"O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Joy that sees me thru' the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be."*

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Exodus 3:16-17, 4:1-5 | Mark 8:1-17

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

Sermon

“Here’s Your Sign”

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

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.**

We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We see your mighty sign, that he overcame death and has risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us. And we believe, that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

The Distribution

Prayer of Commitment

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Sending Hymn No. 52** *When Israel was in Egypt's Land*

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction *The Peace of God* | Rutter

Sending Music *Jubilation* | Payne

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate Pastor | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor
Meri Kate, Associate Pastor

Acolyte: 8:30am Deacon, 11:00am Silas Meadows | Scripture Reader: 11am Jasper Meadows

Beadle 8:30am: Gerald Pouncey | 11:00am Lee Jenkins

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

Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts, Principal Organist

Church Street Brass

8:30am AV: Steve Jones, 11am AV: Will Myers, CJ Song

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of
Steve and Alesia Jones on their 50th wedding anniversary, September 4th, 2026,
by their loving daughters, Kristi Jones Herndon and Robin Jones Zoubek, and their families.

Congregational Meeting

Today | 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).

Church Leadership Recommendations due 9/27

Did you know that this church is led by members? Members, like you, are ordained to serve three-year terms as officers, then work alongside our pastors and staff to further the ministries and mission of the church. The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is now accepting recommendations for the ordained positions of elder and deacon. Please submit your recommendations at fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions.

Paper copies are also available in the Gathering Space.

FPC Marietta Picnic

Sunday, September 27 | Noon | Holland Hall



Fellowship Breakfast

Next Sunday | 9:30am | Holland Hall

Submissions for Advent Devotional Due 9/30

The word advent is defined as the arrival of a notable person, thing or event. In Advent season, Christians celebrate the first coming of Christ. This year, the church will publish an Advent Devotional with the theme: Wise Men Still Seek Him. Each devotional must begin with a scripture, include reflections on the text and end with a prayer. If you would like to contribute to the 2026 Advent Devotional, please send your submission to Jane.Manning@cobbcounty.gov by September 30.

Adult Sunday School Returns in September

NEW SEASONS

Returns Today | 9:45am | Room 51

Introducing a New Series: Bible Stories We Never Heard in Sunday School

We will look at some rather strange stories that seldom get much attention. We might wonder why these stories are in the Bible. But we can learn some valuable and important lessons, if we listen with open minds and hearts. This series is presented by Reid Crotty.

Salt and Pepper | Returning September 13th | 9:45am | Room 53

Scripture Seekers | Returning September 13th | 9:45am | Room 50

Rooted | Returning September 13th | 9:45am | Room 231



Children's Sunday School + Youth Meetings Return in September

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PARENT MEETINGS ON 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 MEETINGS

September 6 | No meeting due to Labor Day holiday

September 13 | Youth Meeting | 5-7pm | Youth Room

September 20 | No meeting due to Fall Break

September 27 | Youth Meeting | 5-7pm | Youth Room

POPSICLES IN THE PARK

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



Discovering God Through Scripture

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

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible cover to cover? With the "Discovering God through Scripture" course, led by Rev. Zeta Lamberson, you will journey through every book of the Bible over a three-year period. Our next cohort will begin this September and meet on third Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am. Registration for the first year of the course can be completed in Realm, and tuition is \$50/student. Scan the QR code or visit Realm to register.



VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR FPC's GRANT-WRITING TEAM

Are you knowledgeable about grants? We are looking for someone to lead our experienced team of grant writers and help secure funding for church ministries serving our community. This is an advisory role; grant writing is not required. If you would like to volunteer to lead this team, please contact MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER: FPC MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

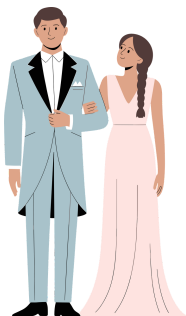
Sunday, October 4 | 4-6pm| Great Hall

Rise Against Hunger works in countries around the globe to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. This fall, FPC Marietta will package 17,000 meals to donate abroad. We need your support to achieve this goal! Scan the QR code to volunteer to pack meals or help with event set up/clean up. For more information, visit the Gathering Space or email 17lanier@gmail.com.



DONATE PROM GOWNS, PRINCESS DRESSES & BUSINESS ATTIRE

We are collecting new and gently-worn evening wear and business attire for boys and girls ages 4-18. This drive benefits foster, adopted and underprivileged children. Please bring your donations to the Gathering Space. Items can be placed in the marked bin or hung in the closet.



DONATE PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR COBB COUNTY JAIL LIBRARY

Thin out your bookshelves and donate some of those page-turners to support our Jail Ministry. Preferred genres include automotive, fantasy, horror, self-help, African-American authors, Spanish-language and world history. A donation bin is located in the Gathering Space.



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.



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