



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, October 19, 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.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Mary Varella, on the 70th anniversary of their wedding, with thanksgiving for their faithful devotion to each other, their family, and this church, by daughter Nancy Parker Varella.

To learn more about the Chancel Flowers or find out how to sign up, please contact Mary Anne Lanier at 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 color green marks the Sanctuary during the time after Pentecost. This season of the church year is a time where the church focuses not so much on feasting (like Christmas and Easter) or penitent reflection (like Advent and Lent) as on watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Welcome

Prelude *Allegro* | Mozart

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 121*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is the shade at your right hand.

The sun will not strike me by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep my going out and my coming in,

From this time on and forever more.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Prayer of Confession

God, my creator,

You reign above in power and love.

With healing balm, you fill my soul and still my anxious spirit.

Still, I turn away from you.

Jesus, lover of my soul,

You are never far away. Through all grief you are by my side.

By the hand you lead me from darkness to light.

Still, I resist.

Holy Spirit, my sustainer,

You watch over all that has been made by morning glow and evening shade.

You are there as I sleep and when I rise.

Still, I forget your presence.

Forgive me, and in this silence, hear my 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 for 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.

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

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

Eva Paradise

Daughter of Scott & Loree Anne Paradise

***Hymn of Preparation** No. 435 *There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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

The Last Word's of David | Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just,

Must be just, must be just,

Ruling in the fear of God, ruling in the fear of God, the fear of God.

And he shall be as the light of the morning,

When the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;

As the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain,

After rain, after rain.

Hallelujah. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Jeremiah 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

Sermon *The Days Are Surely Coming* | Rev. 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 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.

A Moment for Stewardship 2026

Offering/Offertory *Berceuse* | Faure

***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**

***Sending Hymn** No. 459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *A Clare Benediction* | Rutter

***Sending Music** *Fanfare and Processional* | Chapman

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. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor of Fellowship & Outreach

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

8:30am Beadle: Lisa Fanto Swain | 11:00am Beadle: Brent Law

8:30am Acolyte: Deacon | 11:00am Acolyte: James Waits

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

The Chancel Choir | Dr. Won-Hee An, Interim Organist

8:30am AV: Steve Jones | 11:00am AV: John Hills, Will Myers, Madison Waits

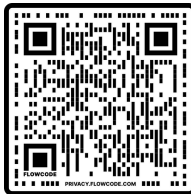
Commitment Sunday is today!

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Pledge cards are available in the pews and seat pockets.

You can also pledge online at fpcmarietta.org/commit.

Thank you to Annie Collier Smith for sharing her artistic talent during this Stewardship Season.



OCTOBER

REMAINING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 22

Healing & Wholeness Service (6:15pm)

Friends of Refugees Open House/Tour (9am-1pm)

(Details on the back)

Sunday, October 26

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off (4-6pm)

Immigration & Faith Workshop Series (2:30-4:30pm)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, October 19

Youth Choir Rehearsal 6th-12 grades (4:15-5pm)

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle (5:00-6:30pm)

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (9am-12pm)

Thursday, October 23

Thursday Bible Study (12-1pm)

Going Forward Widow(er)s Group (1-3pm)

Tuesday, October 28

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (9am-12pm)

Thursday, October 30

Thursday Bible Study (12-1pm)



*A Service of
Healing & Wholeness*

Wednesday, October 22
6:15pm | Sanctuary

We all experience difficult seasons in life. Whether we experience loss, illness, conflict, or loneliness, we can find encouragement through reconnecting with the Lord in worship and prayer.

Share in a time to grieve, a time for prayers, and a time to contemplate God working in our lives. We will call upon the Lord for healing and restoration to wholeness.



Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Trunk or Treat 4-6pm | Chili Cook-Off 5pm

*Kids, dress in costume and
trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk!
Then at 5pm enjoy homemade chili
from contestants of all ages!*

We still need trunks!

Sign up at fpcmarietta.org/events

AND sign up to compete for
bragging rights in our Chili Cookoff.
Email Pam Gooze at pkgooge@gmail.com.



Cherokee Presbytery Presents IMMIGRATION & FAITH WORKSHOP SERIES

*Understand more, love deeper,
act justly on Immigration*

Sept 14 | Oct 12 | Oct 26 | Nov 9

2:30-4:30pm at FPC

**Register via QR code
or at fpcmarietta.org.**



NOVEMBER

NOTE: Advent begins Sunday, November 30

Surviving the Holidays

A Grief Share Workshop led by Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, November 11 | 6-8pm | Room 052
Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas, when everything has changed? Join us! You'll be welcomed by warm, caring people who understand what you are going through and who want to help. RSVP to lobodrake@aol.com.

FPC Book Club

Wednesday, November 12 | 6pm | Room 053
My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

Wine Tasting

Friday, November 14 | 7pm
Bring a favorite bottle of wine and an appetizer to share and join us at the Sloop's home. Contact Bob Sloop at 770-335-1356 or rsloop47@gmail.com with questions or for directions. RSVP appreciated but not required.

Autism Support Group

Thursday, November 20 | 7:00-8:30pm
Self Care: Is taking care of ourselves even an option, what does it look like and how to achieve it.
Speakers: Elizabeth Ainsworth, NSW:
Professional Counselor- Rise Gently Therapy
Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor at FPC, Marietta
Dr. Janet Lewis: Chiropractor

Gobble Jog

Thursday, November 27
FPC's team, Heart & Soles for MUST, is gearing up once again for the annual Gobble Jog to support MUST Ministries. If you'd like to join, find the registration link at fpcmarietta.org/events. Email Meg Hartin at hartin13@att.net with questions.

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2

8:30 & 11:00am Worship

Special Concert & Service of Remembrance

5-6pm | Great Hall

Join Rev. Joe Evans and the Chancel Choir as we remember we are not alone. All will be invited to add the names of loved ones to our "prayer weave."

Works by Dolly Parton, John Rutter, and Craig Courtney.



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

Sunday, November 9

8:30 & 11:00am Worship

Sign up to carry a tartan in the Gathering Space or email Jeffrey Meeks at JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org.



**NOVEMBER 23
8AM-1PM**

GIVE BLOOD.GIVE LIFE

**BLOOD DONATION DRIVE
FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS**



MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Club 3:30 Volunteers

One hour can change a child's life!

We have some open spots to fill on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in our younger and older elementary rooms. Email Kelly Dewar at KellyDewar@fpcmarietta.org to inquire.

Learn more about Club 3:30 at fpcmarietta.org/club330

Friends of Refugees Open House/Tour

Wednesday, October 22

These tours give participants the opportunity to visit several Friends of Refugees programs and hear stories of courage and impact along the way. After the tour, we'll continue the conversation over lunch at a local restaurant.

Below is a quick look at the schedule:

- 9:15–9:30 | Welcome & Overview
- 9:30–11:25 | Program Visits & Tours (with travel between sites)
- 11:30 | Return to Embrace House & Debrief

Registration Required: fpcmarietta.org/events

Contact Joshua Price at jprice@taglilburn.com with questions and transportation information.

Jail Library Requests

Large Print books, Spanish Language books, and books by black authors are always needed and hard to find! Can you help? Donated books must be paper back and can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

Wreath Making Workshop

Are you interested in learning out to make your own holiday wreath?

Reach out to Nancy Hildreth at n.hildreth@comcast.net to express interest!

Going Forward Support Group

4th Thursdays | 1pm | Glover Room

A place where we share our Grief and other impacts from the loss of a spouse or a member the family.

A Safe Place to express feelings, emotions, doubts, and find new possibilities

