



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
MARIETTA**

Sunday, June 1, 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.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our husband and father, Haydn McLean, by his wife, Phyllis and children Jennifer, Prins, Lori, Munn, & Rick McLean. Email 17lanier@gmail.com to provide flowers.

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

After his Resurrection, the Lord appeared to his disciples on several different occasions, encouraging them to take the Gospel to the “Ends of the Earth.” However, he couldn’t stay with them in bodily form forever. On this Ascension Sunday, we remember how he ascended into heaven in the presence of his disciples. In celebration of this event white marks the pastors’ robes, pulpit, and communion table.

Welcome

Prelude *Festival Prelude* | Charpentier

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 93)

The Lord is king.

He is robed in majesty.

He established the world on a strong foundation.

It shall never be moved.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayer of Confession

Lord of love,

I confess that I do not always love my neighbor as myself.

Even when my neighbor is in need, I am often exhausted

and can’t muster the energy to help.

Other times I am distracted, paying more attention to my own worries and wants,

unable to notice my neighbor’s pain.

Far too often I am too jaded to even try,

doubting that I could make any difference.

Forgive my inaction and help me to step out in love.

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**

***Hymn of Preparation No. 485**

We Know that Christ Is Raised

Offering/Offertory

Sinfonia | Purcell

***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 SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Acts 1:1-11

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

Sermon *Theophilus: A Follower of Jesus* | Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

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



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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave, we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In his rising to life, you promise eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Hear our eternal praise as we lift our voices, 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.

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 of the Sacrament Agnus Dei | Lange

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** *Prelude in Classic Style* | Young

Join us today! Churchwide Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing: Today 4:30-6:00pm

We'll gather in the Sanctuary from 4:30-5:15pm, then head to the Gathering Space for a yummy ice cream sundae bar extravaganza! Come join your church family (all ages welcome!) for songs and sundaes. Questions? Contact Pam Googe at pkgooge@gmail.com.

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 of Congregational Care

8:30am Beadle: Ken Farrar | 11:00am Acolyte: Harry Foster

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

The Chancel Choir | Won-Hee An, Guest Organist

The Church Street Brass

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Steve Jones | 11:00am: Thomas Foster

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, June 8 immediately following each worship service for the purpose of electing members to the Officer Nominating Committee and to address compensation changes for pastors and staff.

The following members have been nominated to serve 2 consecutive years beginning June 2026: Dan Storey (Elder), Lisa Stokes (Deacon), Mary Catherine Garcia (At Large), John Knox (At Large), Nancy Law (At Large), Jim MacDonald (At Large)

The current ONC Members serving one more term are: Paulette Basham (Chair), Matt Burnham (At Large), Melissa Gilbert (At Large), Philip Marcum (At Large)



**Building a
Firm Foundation**

GOAL: \$2 MILLION

[FPCMARIETTA.ORG/CAMPAIGN2025](https://fpcmarietta.org/campaign2025)

RECEIVED: \$1,052,472.92

PLEDGED: \$1,159,918.35

DISBURSED: \$270,393.62

UPDATES:

- Youth Room and Speed Building Roof projects continue
- Portico and walkway roof active
- Ford T350 Van purchased May 13 (\$38,304.93) - awaiting registration
- Sanctuary Storm Windows contract signed on May 14
- Cotten Building to begin June 16
- Scissor lift quote received



SUMMER NEWS

Follow: A Summer Sermon Series

Each Sunday this June and July we will focus on a follower of Jesus from the Bible. Be ready to learn from their example as we follow Jesus today!

Sunday Summer Nursery: 10:45am-12:15pm

The Kitchen is not staffed this summer. To reserve the kitchen, go to fpcmarietta.org/resources and complete the Reservation Request form.

Adult Sunday School in June 9:45-10:45am

New Seasons (Rm 051) | 40s-50s (Rm 053) | Faith Builders (Rm 050)

Habitat for Humanity Build Date: July 12

Help us reach our \$5,000 goal to build a home this summer. Go to fpcmarietta.org/events
Meet the homeowners: D is a Project Utility Manager for Cobb County DOT, helping ensure residents have quality infrastructure. Despite steady work and overtime, he and his wife Dreika can't find affordable housing in the county he serves. They rent a small, substandard townhome just outside Cobb, dealing with crowding, water damage, leaky plumbing, and a flooded basement. Raising a blended family, four of their children live at home: 22-year-old DeNecia, 15-year-old DeKeria, 2-year-old D, and 1-year-old Daniel. Though Dreika keeps a tidy home, safety concerns and limited space stifle the family's vibrant energy. Being selected to build a Habitat home felt like winning a prize. For D & Dreika, homeownership means stability, safety, and space for their kids to grow and play.



The Barbara Steele FPC STUDENT ART CONTEST AND EXHIBITION

Preschool children through College students are encouraged to submit art entries from June 1-10. The Awards Show will be held following Godspell, Jr. on June 13 at 3pm with prizes for 1st-3rd place and Best in Show.

Find details, including submission requirements, at fpcmarietta.org/events. Place art in the marked bin at the Front Desk or email gbrand303@gmail.com.

A poster for Godspell Jr. featuring a red curtain background with a spotlight shining on a central shield logo. The logo contains the word 'GODSPELL' in a stylized font above a large, colorful 'G'.

FPC PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

GODSPELL

JUNE 9-13 | 9AM-3PM

RISING 3RD - 12TH GRADERS

SIGN UP TODAY!
WWW.FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS

QUESTIONS?
WATERS_KATHLEEN@YAHOO.COM

Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays

June 4 - July 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



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



FPC MEN'S GROUP

BRAVES GAME - JUNE 19



Tickets are \$30 and the payment deadline is June 8. For more information, contact Paul Adams at paul.adams@braves.com or John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.



The Pantry's annual celebration at Two Birds Taphouse will be Sunday, July 27. Stay tuned!

Book Club Selection Meeting

Saturday, June 7 | 10am-12pm | Glover Room
Bring your book suggestions as we meet to set the book selection for the 2025-2026 reading season! All are welcome. Breakfast snacks provided. Email Nancy Jo Kirk at njkirk@mindspring.com.

FPC Pedalers Bike Riding Group

Next Ride: Thursday, June 12
Meet at Silver Comet Trail - Florence Rd Trailhead (3453 Florence Rd). We will ride an hour out and then return. We ride for fun! Please join us! Email Nancy Jo Kirk at njkirk@mindspring.com.



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