



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, June 22, 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 Frank W. Bockman and in remembrance of our 64th wedding anniversary, by Carol Bockman and daughters Elizabeth, Elise and Rebecca.

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 *I Love Thee* | Kerrick

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 77)

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord.

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

I will remember your wonders of old.

You are a God who works wonders;

You have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people.

When the waters saw you, they were afraid.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;

Your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;

Your lightnings lit up the world;

The earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea,

Your path through the mighty waters;

Yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord,

For we accept your good gifts,

But we fail to share with others.

We hear your call to discipleship,

But we find the demand is too high.

We have seen where you lead,

But we fear to follow.

It's true, all we like sheep have gone astray,

But you forgive.

In this silence, hear our confession and set our hearts free to love you fully.

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.

(11:00am) Receiving New Members

John and Tiffany Floodquist, Rev. Shelby Baxter-Andrews, Gunnar & Sydna Lowe,

Tracy Perryman, James (Jim) and Robin Trimble

***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. 415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

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



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 *Thanks be to God* | Mendelssohn

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Isaiah 56: 1-5

Acts 8: 26-39

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

Sermon *The Ethiopian Eunuch: A Follower of Jesus* | 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.

Offering/Offertory *Cantata 106* | Bach

***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**

***Sending Hymn** No. 543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

***Charge and Benediction**

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

***Sending Music** *Toccata* | Boellman

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: Bebe Adams | 11:00am Beadle: Ann Stoskopf

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Chancel Choir | Won-He An, Guest Organist

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Ben Brinitzer | 11:00am: John Hills



SUMMER NEWS

4th of July Celebration & Youth Parking Fundraiser

Celebrate the 4th with your FPC Family! Reserve your space in the Polk Street Lot to enjoy fellowship and fireworks!

The parking lot will open at 4pm to those with reservations, which include two parking spots. BYO tables, chairs, food, and drink!

Go to fpcmarietta.org/events to make your reservation and \$60 payment. Funds go towards Youth missions!

For those parking for festivities on the square, please park in one of our other lots and support our youth!

Are you looking for a one-time service event that helps our community?

For a third year, FPC will feed the on-duty staff of the Cobb County Jail and their families on July 4th. We need four people to help prep food on the afternoon of July 3rd and four people to help BBQ or help on the serving line the morning of July 4th for the luncheon meal that is served from 11:00am-2:00pm.

It is a unique opportunity to say “thank you” to the staff for doing a very difficult and stressful job. Their appreciation of being recognized on a day they can’t celebrate with their own family is immense. If interested, call or text Jeff Knapp at 678-327-5956.

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!

Drivers Needed for MUST Summer Lunch

Wednesdays through 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

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.

If you’d like to participate in the build, visit the Habitat table in the Gathering Space on Sundays.

Club 3:30 Lead Teacher Position

First Presbyterian Church seeks a part-time Lead Teacher to support our after-school ministry, Club 3:30. The Lead Teacher assists in supporting an effective, nurturing, and safe after-school program for local students and supports the mission outreach programming of the church.

Work schedule: 3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 3:30-5:30, Friday.

This schedule follows Marietta City School calendar and will be off during school breaks and school holidays. Please contact Meri Kate Marcum at MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org. View the complete job description here at fpcmarietta.org/jobs/

Going Forward

for those who have lost their spouse

4th Thursday | 1-3pm | Glover Room

For widows and widowers to have a safe place to express feelings, emotions, doubts, and find new possibilities; adjust to a “new normal,” and to develop a sustainable living pattern.

Questions? terry@bartonsite.org

Autism Family Support Group

3rd Thursdays | 7:00-8:30pm | Room 051

Next Meeting: August 21

Topic: Back-to-School tips, 504s, IEPs

For families of those on the autism spectrum including information about school and community resources.

My Handy Friend

This ministry provides free services to our members with limited ability such as skill level, physical, or economic ability, who need some assistance. Go to fpcmarietta.org/my-handy-friend/

Examples of simple repairs are replacing lights, loose railings, or to cut/remove fallen branches.



Advent Devotional

Writers, editors, and artists are encouraged to submit pieces for our 2025 Advent Devotional.

This year's theme is “God the Giver. God the Gift.” You do not have to be a great writer or professional artist to participate! Our editors will assist you as needed.

Submissions should be sent to jane.manning@cobbcounty.org by September 30.

Calling all who helped make Christmas banners in Sunday School as elementary students!

We have accumulated years' worth of Christmas banners and want to make them available to parents and children who had a part in their creation.

The banners are in Rev. Meri Kate's office for the taking - we will set aside the last 5 years' banners to display during Advent, but you're welcome to take one home.

If you're interested in having a banner for posterity, email MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org.

LET'S FILL THE PURPLE BIN!

Drop off your glass recycling
at our Polk St. Lot



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WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Ripple Glass accepts all colors of food and beverage glass. If you can see through it, we can likely recycle it!

Some acceptable items: glass food/beverage containers (labels okay), mason jars, candle jars (leftover wax okay)

Some unacceptable items: pyrex, dishware, porcelain, ceramic, milk glass, mirrors, tvs, lightbulbs



BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

GOAL: \$2 MILLION

RECEIVED: \$1,404,893.87

PLEDGED: \$1,517,768.35

DISBURSED: \$356,803.22

UPDATES:

- Organ contract signed and initial deposit of \$86,740.00 paid.
- Cotten Building renovations began June 18.
- Ford T350 Van purchased May 13 (\$38,304.93). Registration and tag received.
First use will be Road Rules, June 22.
- Portico and walkway roof active.
- Sanctuary Storm Windows contract signed May 14.
- Youth Room renovation in punch list and inspection status.
- Speed Building Roof Complete
- Scissor lift quote received.



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