



Sunday, June 29, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

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### **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 10:15am-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 honor of Chuck Cooper and her parents, C. E. and Sarah McQueen, by Sandy McQueen.

### **Join us**

New members are received each month in worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken Farrar at [kenfarrar@icloud.com](mailto: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**      *Shall We Gather at the River* | Hayes

#### **\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 42)

As the deer longs for flowing streams,

**So our souls long for you, O God.**

We come to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,

**Our hope is in you, O God.**

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

**And at night his song is with me.**

Let us praise the name of the Lord!

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 35      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### Prayer of Confession

God of All,

**Forgive us when we forget your call to live as faithful people. We are lured into complacency by the world's call to have more of everything. We are blinded by our own ambitions. We feel protected by money, power, and superiority. Forgive us and help us be better. Remind us that faith in you changes how we move in the world. Remind us that living out your call for us satisfies us more deeply than anything we could imagine. Help us be brave and look for your children on the margins instead of propping up the powerful. Inspire our hearts, so we may serve and actively live our faith. In this silence, hear our 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. 470 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

**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**

*I Choose Love* | Miller

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# **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Readings (NRSV)**

James 2:1-5,8-9,24-26

Joshua 2:1-11

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

**Sermon** *Rahab: A Woman Ahead of Her Time* | Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate 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 Message from Building A Firm Foundation** | Rev. Cassie Waits

**Offering/Offertory** *Largo & Dolce* | 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. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

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

**\*Sending Music** *Trumpet Tune* | Young

## Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor of Fellowship & Outreach

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate of Congregational Care

8:30am Beadle: Meg Hartin | 11:00am Beadle: Stu Rubio

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Carolyn Torres, Flutist | Chancel Choir

Dr. Won-Hee An, Interim Organist

Audio/Visual Team

8:30am: Steve Jones | 11:00am: John Hills & Bennett Sherwood



## BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

### UPDATES:

- Scissor Lift ordered Tuesday, June 24.
- Organ contract signed. Initial deposit of \$86,740.00 paid
- Cotten Building renovations continue
- Ford T350 Van currently on the road with Road Rules
- Sanctuary Storm Windows contract signed.
- Youth Room renovation in punch list/inspection status
- Speed Building Roof complete
- Portico and walkway roof complete

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**Building a Firm Foundation**  
Video Message Play List



**GOAL: \$2 MILLION**

\$1,662,948.35  
GIFTS PLEDGED

**\$1,470,934.21**  
GIFTS RECEIVED

**PLEASE JOIN THE  
CHALLENGE TO  
REACH OUR GOAL!**



# SUMMER NEWS

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## **4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org). View the complete job description here at [fpcmarietta.org/jobs/](http://fpcmarietta.org/jobs/)



**100%**  
DINNER & RAFFLE  
TICKET SALES  
GO TO THE PANTRY!

PANTRY ON CHURCH  
**CELEBRATION**

AT TWO BIRDS TAPHOUSE  
52 Powder Springs St Marietta, GA 30064

**SUNDAY, JULY 29 | 5-8PM**  
TICKET SALES BEGIN JULY 6!

\$25 per Person includes entrance & buffet dinner  
(Drinks not included. No bar entry without ticket.)

Rev. Joe Evans will return as bartender!

Purchase Raffle Tickets (Sundays in July in the  
Gathering Space and at the event) for a chance to win  
amazing prizes! \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets



*Space is  
limited.  
Don't wait!*



### 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](mailto:terry@bartonsite.org)

### Autism Family Support Group

**Next Meeting: August 21**

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

Room 051

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/](http://fpcmarietta.org/my-handy-friend/)

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

### 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](mailto:MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org).



## Meet Won-Hee An, FPC's Interim Principal Organist

Won-Hee An is a highly demanded educator, pianist, and church musician. She has worked as an orchestral pianist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra alongside notable conductors such as Alan Gilbert and Charles Dutoit. Dr. An has also served as the principal rehearsal pianist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Festival Chorus under conductor John Oliver. She has collaborated

with guest conductors and soloists at the BSO, including James Levine, David Robertson, Grant Llewellyn, James Orent, Anne Sophie von Otter, and Albert Dohmen. The repertoire she has played with both BSO and TFC includes Schoenberg's Moses und Aron and Gurrelieder, John Adams' El Niño, Ives' Symphony No. 4, Stravinsky's Petrouchka, Bartok's Bluebeard Castle, and Holiday Pops repertoire.

Dr. An has performed extensively across the United States and Europe at prestigious venues such as Boston Symphony Hall, Museum of Fine Arts, New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, Boston's Hatch Shell, Faneuil Hall, Weill Hall, Alice Tully Hall, The Juilliard Theater, Miller Theatre at Columbia University, Fenway Center, Vergennes Opera House in Vermont, Gusman Concert Hall in Miami, Temple Emanuel in Newton, International Institute of Music Dozentenkonzert in Bad Faulenbach, Germany, and Konzert Junger Kunstler, Municipal Theater, Kempten, Germany.

Dr. An taught at Northeastern University, focusing on understanding her students' goals and nurturing their love of music. She taught courses on Mozart, four levels of Ear Training, Music Theory for the Music Industry, and Principles of Music Literature. She coached chamber music groups, gave private piano lessons, and oversaw two programs, including "Performance Minor" and "NEC/NU Joint Certificate." Additionally, she has led two faculty-led programs in Austria and South Korea. Dr. An taught the first two "Musicianship Skills" levels at the Hebrew College in Newton, MA, and piano lessons at Walnuthill School of Arts.

After relocating to Atlanta, GA, Dr. An has taught at Kennesaw State University and Gwinnett Technical College.

As a church musician, Dr. An has worked as a music director, organist, and pianist in churches such as Trinity Lutheran Church, First Parish Church, and Grace Korean Presbyterian Church. As a music director, she invites musicians for special occasions, directs the choir, and performs on organ and piano.

Dr. An holds a Doctorate from Boston University, a Graduate Diploma from the New England Conservatory, a master's degree from the Juilliard School, and a Bachelor's degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

