



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, July 13, 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 10:15am-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 today are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of Jennie and James T. Anderson, Jr. by Tate Anderson.

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 *Joyful, Joyful* | Ingram

*Call to Worship

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

Who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs;

We went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 610 *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is the creator and giver of mercy,

Forgive us when we are ungrateful and forget to praise you.

You demonstrated through your faithful people in ages past,

That you are a God of second chances.

You call us to repent of our ways,

And you forgive our shortcomings.

You ask for our love and ask us to love others.

Holy Lord, you are faithful to forgive us when we turn to you.

Help us forgive those who have hurt us or let us down.

In this silence, hear our confessions.

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. 314 *Christ be Our Light*

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.

Musical Offering *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* | Eithun

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Psalm 70

Acts 12: 6-12

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

Sermon *John Mark: Follower of Jesus* | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate

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.

Building a Firm Foundation

Offering/Offertory *Les Baricades Mysterieuses* | Couperin

***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 SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Sending Hymn No. 700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Sending Music** *Jubilation* | Young

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



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

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

Betsy Sherwood, Weekday Preschool Director/Children's Fellowship Coordinator

8:30am Beadle: Ann Stoskopf | 11:00am Beadle: Jim Ray

FPC On Demand Bell Choir with Director Lynne Sloop

Dr. Won-Hee An, Interim Organist

AV Team

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

Church Leadership Nominations | Submission Deadline: September 15

Did you know that this church is led by members – just like you? In our denomination, congregation members are ordained to serve three-year terms as officers where they work alongside our pastors and staff to further the ministries and mission of the church. The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is now receiving recommendations for the ordained positions of elder and deacon. Elders provide governance across the ministries of the church. Deacons offer a ministry of compassion, witness, and service to the congregation. Please prayerfully consider members (including yourself!) who might faithfully serve in these important roles.

Please send in your recommendations at fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions.
Paper copies are also available in the Gathering Space.



BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

UPDATES:

- Sanctuary Storm Windows contract signed, May 14. \$33,931.04 deposit to be paid Thursday, July 10.
- Met with Honeywell representative Tuesday, July 8 to review WiFi Thermostat project.
- Scissor Lift ordered Tuesday, June 24 (\$21,541.00)
- Great Hall Organ contract signed and \$86,740.00 deposit paid, June 18. Anticipated installation early November.
- Cotten Building 2nd floor renovations punch walk through scheduled for Thursday, July 10
- New Ford T350 Van had a successful Road Rules Trip.
- Youth Room renovation in punch list/inspection status
- Speed Building, Portico and walkway Roof complete

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



Building a Firm Foundation
Video Message Play List



GOAL: \$2 MILLION

\$1,679,048.35
GIFTS PLEDGED

\$1,503,954.21
GIFTS RECEIVED

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

You've heard a lot about improvements to our church campus through this capital campaign. You may be less familiar with the mission component of our campaign, which makes up \$175,000 of our \$2 million goal! There are three mission areas these funds will support:

Emmanuel's Village

The goal of this project is to transition families with children enrolled in Marietta City Schools from homelessness into stable housing within the district. While there is no priority order to the mission projects we have decided to financially support, Emmanuel's Village is the largest endeavor we wish to pursue.

Cobb County DFCS and The Center for Children & Young Adults

Young adults that age out of foster care at 18 years old face challenges that most of our children encounter only without the support of a loving family.

MUST Ministries

MUST Ministries houses homeless individuals and families throughout the year at its facility in Cobb County. However, when we experience extreme cold and hot weather, there are 269 emergency beds available in Cobb County and 136 of those are provided through Hope House in affiliation with MUST. When these beds are all occupied, homeless individuals are pushed to a network of emergency shelters throughout the county.



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 27 | 5-8PM
REGISTER AT FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS

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

Rev. Joe Evans returns as bartender!
Live music by FPC's On Demand musicians!

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!*



Save the Dates!

Sunday, August 3

11am Worship returns to the Great Hall

Sunday, August 10

Blessing of the Backpacks (11am)

Wednesday, August 13

Book Club Kick-Off (6pm)

Sunday, August 17

Children's Ministry Volunteer & Child
Protection Training (9:30am)

Children's Back to School Pool Party (4pm)

Youth Back to School Pool Party (4pm)

Thursday, August 21

Thursday Bible Study Fall Kick-Off (11:45am)

Sunday, August 24

Family Worship - Stay Tuned! (10am)

"Find Your Place"

Engagement Fair (9:30-11:00am)

Monday, August 25

Men's Group Resumes

Sunday, September 7

Sunday School resumes (9:45am)

Sunday, September 28

Churchwide Picnic (12pm)

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. View details at fpcmarietta.org/jobs/

MUST Summer Lunch Wednesdays through July 30

Each Wednesday, we 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

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

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.

Backyard Gardeners: You're Invited to “grow a row!”

If you are like most vegetable gardeners, you are often overcome with too many peppers or tomatoes! You can only pickle so many cucumbers, right?

During harvest months this spring, summer and fall, The Pantry will be collecting FPC member-grown veggies to be given out in our Tuesday evening food distribution line. Your contributions, whether they are from an extra prolific plant or an intentionally planted extra row, will make a difference to families in our community. To learn more or to be added to our list of gardeners, please email MartieMoore@fpcmarietta.org.

Bookcases Needed for Jail's Chaplain Office

As we acquire more books to help with inmates' faith journeys, we are in need of bookcases. They can be any style, wood or metal - no glass - and must withstand transport in a pick up truck. Contact Jeff Knapp at 678-327-5956 if you can help.

