



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, August 31, 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 today are given to the glory of God by Jaime and Mary Anne Lanier, in loving memory of their parents.

To learn more about the Chancel Flowers or find out how to sign up, please contact Mary Anne Lanier at [17lanier@gmail.com](mailto: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](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**                      *Elevation* | Benoit

### **\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 147)

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

**The Lord gathers the outcasts and restores the broken.**

God counts the stars and calls us, “Beloved.”

**The Lord’s wisdom is beyond understanding and his greatness is beyond measure.**

His blessings never fail.

**Let us give thanks and worship our God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 299      *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, the crowds gathered from the east and west,  
from the north and south, and you welcomed them all.**

**We confess that we are not as gracious.**

**You call us to welcome the stranger, but we lock our doors.**

**You call us to care for the poor, but we are suspicious of their need.**

**You call us to comfort the grieving, but we shrink away as if their grief might be contagious.**

**You call us to share your love far and wide – that the lost might be found and the broken made whole, but we withhold your love from the very people you would heal.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Strengthen our resolve to share your good news with everyone.**

**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.**

*(8:30am)* **Welcoming New Members**

**\*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. 769 *For Everyone Born*

**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**

*Over My Head* | Patterson

## **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

1 Samuel 31:1,6; 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:3; 9:1-7 (NIV)

Luke 14:1, 12-23 (NRSV)

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

**Sermon**

*A Place at the Table* | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor

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If you would like to give online go to [fpcmarietta.org](http://fpcmarietta.org), or scan this QR code.



## 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**

*Will O'the Wisp* | Nevin

**\*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. 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*The Lord Bless You & Keep You* | Lutkin

**\*Sending Music**

*Psalm 19* | Marcello

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### 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

Larisa Dukes, Beadle

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

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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

8:30am AV: Ben Brinitzer | 11:00am AV: John Hills, Bennett Sherwood, Joe Jordan



# BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

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

OUR FINISH THE ROOF  
FUNDRAISING EVENT YIELDED:  
14 NEW PLEDGES  
TOTALING \$25,155.00

THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO PARTICIPATED!

**GOAL: \$2 MILLION**

\$1,825,967.65  
GIFTS PLEDGED

\$1,705,886.38  
GIFTS RECEIVED



## UPDATES:

- Cotten Building Furnishings: \$1,550.22.
- Sanctuary Livestream deposit paid \$31,613.15
- New 2025 Ford Transit van purchased (\$68,188.95)
- Kitchen Equipment replacements (\$14,543.20) ordered. Anticipated installation September 2.
- Speed Building basement HVAC Unit contract signed July 14 (\$62,000.00).
- Holland Hall Exterior door received and installed (\$5,231.34) Awaiting weather strip and painting.
- Sanctuary Storm Windows contract signed. \$33,931.04 deposit paid. Anticipated installation in late September.
- Met with Honeywell representative Tuesday, July 8 to review Wi-Fi Thermostat project.
- Organ contract signed, and \$86,740.00 deposit paid. Anticipated installation early November.

## COMPLETED:

- Cotten Building renovations
- Youth Room Renovation
- Ford T350 Van Purchase
- Speed Building, Portico, and walkway Roof
- Scissor Lift delivered

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## Church Leadership Recommendations | 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 submit your recommendations at [fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions](https://fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions)  
Paper copies and submission box are also available in the Gathering Space.



## THE CHANCEL CHOIR IS HEADING TO SCOTLAND!

You're invited to a  
Farewell Concert!

**Saturday, September 6**  
11am | Sanctuary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**RESUMES  
NEXT WEEK**

**9:45-10:45AM**



## Did you miss the Parent Meeting for children & youth last Sunday?

Join us at noon on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary. You'll get the annual calendar, fill out required consent forms, and receive some faith-at-home resources.

It's vitally important to the life of our church for all families to have this information!



## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

## DAY OF SERVICE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Join us in supporting our refugee neighbors in Clarkston for a day of service. All ages are welcome!



Register via QR code  
Questions? Email [jprice@taglilburn.com](mailto:jprice@taglilburn.com)

PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

## FPC STUDENT ART CONTEST & EXHIBIT

PRESCHOOL -  
COLLEGE AGE



**ENTRIES DUE**

ENTRIES  
ACCEPTED:  
AUG 10-31

Leave art in the  
marked bin in the  
Gathering Space

LEARN MORE IN THE GATHERING SPACE  
OR AT [FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS](http://FPCMARIETTA.ORG/EVENTS)

## POPSICLES IN THE PARK

**Sunday, September 7 | 5:30-6:30pm**  
for birth-5th Grade and their families  
Lewis Park (475 Campbell Hill Street)

Come hang out with friends  
and play on the playground  
or enjoy a game of kickball.  
Popsicles will be served.

## YOU'RE INVITED

Rev. Joe Evans has completed his dissertation: *2020 Vision: An Account of How Networked Religion Transformed First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, GA during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

The next step towards his Doctorate of Ministry Degree is a public presentation of his research, which will be held at FPC at 3pm on September 7. You are welcome to come here all about what he's learned!



### Presbyterian Women 2025 Study

2nd Mondays | 10am-12pm | Glover Room

2nd Sundays | 5-6:30pm | Glover Room

PW's new study *Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* begins in September!

Please contact Ann Keane at [akkeane@gmail.com](mailto:akkeane@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Tuesday Morning Ladies Fall Study

Tuesdays, beginning September 9 | 9:30am-12pm

*God of Freedom* by Jen Wilkin

Contact Linda Bush: 770-856-8443 or

[newbush@comcast.net](mailto:newbush@comcast.net)

### Adventures in Scouting

Are you interested in participating in the Scouting programs at FPC? Sign up for Cub Scouts (meets Sundays at 3pm) and Boy Scouts (meets Mondays at 7pm). There are crafts, skills taught, training for advancement, and outdoor activities. Contact Pam Googe at 404-388-4928 or [pkgooge@gmail.com](mailto:pkgooge@gmail.com).

### FPC Dinner Groups

Our dinner groups are ready to kick-off, but there's still room for more participants! Groups are assigned at random with the hope that new relationships will form. The host provides the main course and drinks. Email Jean Burnett at [missjeanburnett@gmail.com](mailto:missjeanburnett@gmail.com) or Dianne Steedly Singleton at [dsteedly@bellsouth.net](mailto:dsteedly@bellsouth.net)

### SAVE THE DATE!

Fellowship Breakfast returns on September 14!

Churchwide Picnic on September 28 following the 11am worship service.



## IMMIGRATION & FAITH WORKSHOP SERIES

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

**Sept 14 | Oct 12 | Oct 26 | Nov 9**

**2:15-5:45pm at FPC**

**Register via QR code  
or at [fpcmarietta.org](http://fpcmarietta.org).**



SCAN FOR  
PARTICIPANT  
REGISTRATION

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**4-6PM | GREAT HALL**

Play cards.  
Serve others.  
Ride a bike.  
Discuss books.  
Garden.  
Join the choir.  
Be a youth group advisor.  
Prepare the Sanctuary for worship.  
Study the Bible.  
Enjoy a wine tasting.  
Take photos.  
Join the performing arts.  
Enjoy fellowship.  
Be an acolyte.  
Assist with funerals.  
Volunteer at VBS.  
Prep for communion.  
Help a child with homework.  
Become a Kirk Ringer.  
Support a foster family.  
Attend Sunday School.  
Deliver meals.  
Help with Children's Church.  
Share your writing.  
Share your artwork.  
Serve meals.  
Assist Youth Sunday School.  
Distribute food.  
Assist with weddings.  
Serve refugees.  
Donate Christmas gifts.  
Package meals.  
Enjoy a church retreat.  
Join a community event.  
Help in the nursery.  
Assist Children's Sunday School.



Sign up to learn more  
in the Gathering Space  
or online at  
[fpcmarietta.org/find-your-place](http://fpcmarietta.org/find-your-place)

## **FPC Music & Arts opportunities**

The Music and Arts Committee at FPC will host a brief (10 minute) "POP-UP" event each month announcing activities of interest to various members of the congregation.

On September 7, after the early worship and before Sunday School, learn about or sign-up for the following opportunities:

## **Barb Steele Memorial Student Art Exhibit**

- We are in the final days to enter!

## **Youth Musicians wanted!**

- For those interested in grades 6-12

## **Advent Devotion Writers**

- Submissions due Sept 30

Next POP-OP event October 14!

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## **Advent Devotional 2025**

Writers, editors, and artists, you're invited to submit pieces for our 2025 Advent Devotional. Theme: 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. Submit by September 30 to Jane Manning at [jane.manning@cobbcounty.gov](mailto:jane.manning@cobbcounty.gov).

## **Art Exhibit at Roswell UMC Aug 10 - Oct 12**

Mondays-Thursdays (10am-4:30pm)

Sundays (9am-1pm)

*An Illustration History of the Moravian Church*

by Bill Needs