



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, September 7, 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 9:30am-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 loving memory of Sidney Clotfelter, by the Clotfelter family.

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

During the time after Pentecost, the color green typically marks the Sanctuary. However, as today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, notice that the color white marks the communion table, pulpit, and the pastors' robes. The color white is reserved for those Sundays of great celebration, so let us approach His table with joy, worshiping God with gladness!

## Welcome

### Prelude

(8:30am) *Sarabande* | Bach

(11:00am) *Toccata on "Kings Weston"* | Compton

### \*Call to Worship (*Psalms 139*)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

**You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**Even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

\*Hymn of Praise No. 634 To God Be the Glory

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, the sacrifice of my Lord opened the door that all may go in,  
but too often I try to close it,  
withholding from your people the love and acceptance that I have received.

Forgive me for being self-absorbed,  
for I pass by my brothers and sisters in need  
without giving them a second thought.

Forgive me for being indifferent,  
for not listening to the cries of the oppressed,  
and for doing nothing when I have the power to do something.

Forgive me, Lord. 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.**

*(8:30am) \*Hymn No. 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*11:00am Children's Message*

*11:00am Receiving the Gift of God's Word*

**Offering/Offertory**      *(8:30am) Adagio Sostenuto (K. 296) | Mozart*

*(11:00am) How Firm a Foundation | Sherman*

**\*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**

**Anthem**

*Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me | Helvey*

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



# **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1:1-21

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

**Sermon**     *There's More than Meets the Eye* | Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor

## **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**

### **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.**

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

The Distribution *Nocturne* | Krug

**\*Sending Hymn No. 223**    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction** *A Clare Benediction* | Rutter

**\*Sending Music** *Theme and Variations* | Handel

## Today's Worship Leaders

### *Clergy*

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

### *Beadles & Acolytes*

8:30am Acolyte: Deacon | 8:30am Beadle: Carey Keane

11:00am Beadle: Brent Law | 11:00am Scripture Reader: Kate Hobel

11:00am Acolyte: Harry Foster

### *Music & Fine Arts*

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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

### *Audio/Visual Team*

8:30am: Steve Jones | 11:00am: Enzo Jensen, Will Myers, & John Hills

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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. Please prayerfully consider members (including yourself!) who might faithfully serve in these important roles and submit your recommendations at [fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions](http://fpcmarietta.org/onc-suggestions).

Paper copies and submission box are also available in the Gathering Space.

# YOU ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.

God has gifted you. He didn't give you your talents and abilities to keep to yourself, but rather to use them to benefit others.

FIND YOUR  PLACE!

[FPCMARIETTA.ORG/FIND-YOUR-PLACE](http://FPCMARIETTA.ORG/FIND-YOUR-PLACE)

## HAPPENING TODAY:

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**BEGINS TODAY!**  
9:45-10:45AM



### Parent Meeting Today!

If you missed the Parent Meeting on August 24, please join us at noon in the Sanctuary. You'll receive the annual calendar, consent forms, and faith-at-home resources.

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

## YOU'RE INVITED

Today at 3pm, Rev. Joe Evans will give his first presentation of his dissertation research: *2020 Vision: An Account of How Networked Religion Transformed First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, GA during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. You are welcome to attend.

This is one more step towards completion of his doctorate. We will have an opportunity upon his graduation to celebrate this great achievement and his ministry among us. Stay tuned!

## POPSICLES IN THE PARK

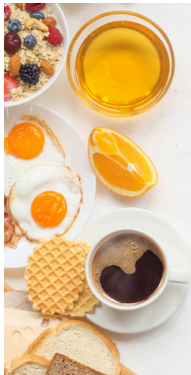
**Today | 5:30-6:30pm**  
birth-5th Graders & families  
Lewis Park (475 Campbell Hill St.)

## YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!



**5-7PM | 6-12 GRADES**

## NEXT SUNDAY:



### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IS BACK

2nd Sundays  
beginning in September  
9:15-10:30am | Holland Hall  
\$7/person  
\$25/family max

### SAVE THE DATE! Churchwide Picnic: Sept. 28

Join us after 11am worship (casual dress encouraged) for BBQ and a host of sides/desserts/veggies.

A-J Last Names: Bring a side

L-S Last Names: Bring a fruit/veggie

T-Z Last Names: Bring a dessert



## 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).**





## Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please scan the QR code and sign up to help care for our youngest congregation members from 10:30-12:15 on Sunday mornings. It's the most fun you'll ever have living out the vows we make to children at their baptisms.



You must complete a background check consent form and our Child Protection Training (available online) before volunteering.

Questions? Contact Hannah Jordan at [Nursery@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:Nursery@fpcmarietta.org).

## Presbyterian Women 2025 Study

Our first official meeting of the year at begins at 10am on Monday, September 8th in Holland Hall. Lunch will be provided for \$7. We will be study Lesson One in *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Contact Ann Keane for information at [akkeane@gmail.com](mailto:akkeane@gmail.com).

## Tuesday Morning Ladies Fall Study

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 9 | 9:30am-12pm  
*God of Freedom* by Jen Wilkin  
Contact Linda Bush: 770-856-8443 or [newbush@comcast.net](mailto:newbush@comcast.net)

## Advent Devotional 2025

Please sign up to write for our 2025 Advent Devotional. *Theme: God the Giver. God the Gift.* Submissions due September 30 to Jane Manning: [Jane.Manning@cobbcounty.gov](mailto:Jane.Manning@cobbcounty.gov)



## BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

**GOAL: \$2 MILLION**



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GIFTS PLEDGED

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REACH OUR GOAL!**

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**SUNDAY, OCT. 5 4-6PM****SCAN TO REGISTER**