



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | 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. Our doors are wide open. 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 children ages six weeks through 4 years old 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 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.

Join us

New members are received each month in worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Matt Burnham at mattburnham2021@gmail.com.

Chancel Flowers

There are dates available this summer and fall to provide flowers for worship.

Contact Mary Anne Lanier at 17lanier@gmail.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 when the church focuses on spiritual growth and discipleship.

Gathering Music

II. Chromatic | Rowley

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Surely the Lord Is in This Place | Colvin

*Call to Worship

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord is my hope and my salvation.

A King trusts in his army;

A Warrior trusts in his spear.

My trust is in the Lord.

Splendid in glory, mighty in deeds,

Perfect in goodness – who can compare?

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

***Hymn of Praise** No.35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but we confess that we do not share the mercy we have received. We are quick to lay blame, loathe to admit guilt, eager to retaliate, and furious when we do not get our way. As injustice and violence escalate, we stand silent; or worse, we add fuel to its fire. We have lost our way, and we have lost sight of you. Forgive us, we pray. Break open our hearts, create them anew, and show us how to be your faithful people once more.

In this silence, hear our confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning.

Great is his faithfulness.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** No. 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(8:30am) The Sacrament of Baptism Callon Lowry Newsome

Child of Austin Lowry Newsome and Rachel Lynn Newsome

(11am) Children's Message

Hymn of Preparation No. 264 *At the Name of Jesus*

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

Like a River In My Soul | Osiek

I've got peace like a river,
Soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in,
Feel the stillness within.

I've got love like an ocean,
Endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone,
Let the waves bring you home.

I've got joy like a fountain,
Like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies,
Just remember, once again you shall rise!

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (NIV)| (NRSV)

Exodus 32:1-7, 9-12, 14 | Matthew 22:1-14

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

Sermon

“Chosen”

Rev. Cassie Waits | 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 arose 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.

Stewardship Video 2027

Offering/Offertory

I Love Thee, My Lord | *Shearing*

***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**

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Sending Hymn** No. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

The Peace of God | Rutter

***Sending Music**

Vivaldi Concerto in D minor - Allegro, BWV 596 | Bach

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood Parish Associate Pastor | Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor
8:30am Beadle: Paulette Basham | 11am Beadle: Buck Buchanan
8:30am & 11am Acolyte: Deacon | Betsy Sherwood, Children's Fellowship Coordinator
Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | The Chancel Choir
Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts
8:30am AV | 11am AV: Will Myers, CJ Song

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in celebration and memory of Dan Toohey's birthday, October 11, by Wayne and Art Glaser, with grateful hearts for the blessing of his life. May they serve as a reminder of God's goodness, love and faithfulness.

2027
BEYOND THESE WALLS
FPC STEWARDSHIP

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2026



25% of Goal Reached



DOLLARS PLEDGED

\$692,170 / \$2,700,000

REPRESENTING 78 HOUSEHOLDS



KIRKIN'

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN + FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 8

8:30am + 11am Worship Services will be held in the Great Hall
Breakfast will be served at 9:30am in Holland Hall

Sign up to carry a tartan/banner in the Gathering Space on 10/11 and 10/18



SPECIAL SERIES: EXPLORING GENESIS

LED BY RABBI STEVEN LEBOW, RABBI EMERITUS AT TEMPLE KOL EMETH

Sundays in October | 9:45am | Holland Hall

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

New Seasons | 9:45am | Room 51

Introducing a New Series this Fall: Bible Stories We Never Heard in Sunday School

Salt and Pepper | 9:45am | Room 53

Scripture Seekers | 9:45am | Room 50

Rooted | 9:45am | Room 231

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | YOUTH MEETINGS | FRIENDSGIVING

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

3-4 Years Old | 9:45am | Patten Bldg | Room 104

K-1st Grade | 9:45am | Speed Bldg | Room 232

2nd-3rd grade | 9:45am | Cotton Bldg | Room 203

4th-5th grade | 9:45am | Cotton Bldg | Room 216

CHILDREN'S FRIENDSGIVING (Birth-5th Grade)

Sunday, November 15 | 5-6:30pm | Holland Hall

Bring the kids and enjoy a delicious meal amongst friends followed by family game time! FPC will provide the entree and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Nursery will be available for children ages 0-2.



YOUTH MEETINGS (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Meetings | 5-7pm | Youth Room

10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/29

YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING (6th-12th Grade)

Sunday, November 15th | 5-7pm | Great Hall

Enjoy a festive meal amongst friends followed by a mission project! This year, FPC is hosting youth from across the Cherokee Presbytery.

FEED THE YOUTH



At FPC, we believe in building relationships across generations. Scan the QR code to sign up to bring dinner to a Youth Meeting on Sunday evening. Home-cooked meals or take-out is welcome, and we will cover the cost of the food! Stay for the meeting, share the meal and make meaningful connections.



YOUNG ADULTS (**WITHOUT KIDS**) FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH



Sunday, October 11 | 12:30pm | Two Birds Taphouse

Are you a young adult (without kids) exploring your faith at FPC Marietta? Connect with other young adults who share your faith and child-free lifestyle at this Fellowship Brunch.

For more information, contact Shelby Baxter Andrews at
shelbybaxterandrews@fpcmarietta.org



TRUNK **OR** TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 4-6pm

Kick off your Halloween festivities at our Trunk or Treat event!
Scan the QR code to sign up to host a trunk or donate treats.



FPC PEDALERS



Thursday, October 29 | 9am | Silver Comet Trail

Strap on your helmet and cycle over to the Silver Comet Trail to join the FPC Pedalers for a morning ride. The group will meet at the Florence Road Trailhead and ride for two hours.

For more information, contact Nancy Jo Kirk at 678-986-3967.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 1 | 8am-1pm | Holland Hall

Give the gift of life! Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment to donate blood during our Red Cross Blood Drive. Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by mail, earn 200 bonus points toward Blood Donor Rewards and receive free A1C testing.



DAY OF THE DADS **2.0**

Sunday, November 1 | 2-5pm | Home of Chris Stokes

It's time for ANOTHER Day of the Dads! This event is for dads-to-be and those with children ages 0-6. Come out and connect with other young fathers (and a few experienced ones) in a casual setting. We have the food and beverages covered! Childcare is also available with advance notice. Scan the QR code to R.S.V.P. by Sunday, October 25. Please indicate if childcare is needed and include the ages of your children. Questions? Email ShelbyBaxterAndrews@fpcmarietta.org.





FPC MARIETTA BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 14 | 6-7:30pm | Room 53 or via Zoom

Connect with fellow book lovers at the FPC Marietta Book Club! It meets on the second Wednesday of each month. You can also participate via Zoom. The club will be discussing *Vanishing Act* by Thomas Perry during the October meeting. For more information, contact Nancy Jo Kirk at njkirk@mindspring.com or 678-986-3967.



ANCHORED: A BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR 30s + 40s

10/15, 10/29 | 7:30-9pm | Home of Joel + Aryl Schroter

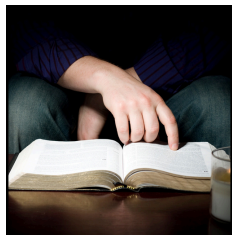
Bring your own Bible and beverage, as well as an appetizer to share. Young families with kids are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Blaine Clotfelter at blaineclotfelter@gmail.com.



TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Tuesdays | 9:30am-Noon | Room 55

Navigate these three chapters of the book of Matthew as they were originally heard and intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Questions? Contact Linda Bush at 770-856-8443 or newbush@comcast.net.



FPC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fourth Mondays | 6pm | Glover Room

Develop a deeper relationship with God and other men of faith through Bible study, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the FPC Men's Group. This fall, the group will welcome FPC Marietta preachers as guest speakers. A dinner option is available. For more information, contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.



NAMI COBB MENTAL HEALTH DROP-IN CENTER

Open Tuesday-Thursday | 1-4pm | Pre-Register Online

The NAMI Cobb Mental Health Drop-In Center is now open on the lower level of the church. The center, which is the first of its kind in the state, offers peer support, activities, education and resources in a welcoming environment that promotes hope, connection and recovery. Learn more at namicobb.org.

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