

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, November 22, 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 3rd 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 winter and spring to provide flowers for worship. Contact Mary Anne Lanier at 17lanier@gmail.com.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

White stoles and paraments mark the worship space today, as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" We answer that question boldly saying that Christ is King over heaven and earth. Hallelujah!

Gathering Music *Adagio from Sonata No.1 Op. 65* | Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *The Lord is in His Holy Temple* | Root

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 95)*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
We come into his presence with thanksgiving;
We come to make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
The heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
And the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.

***Hymn of Praise No. 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Prayer of Confession

Lord of all,
When we care more about human opinion than yours,
remind us that you are the one who wears the crown.
When we lose ourselves in a quest to be liked,
remind us that we are your beloved.
When we fail to see your face in the face of the widow, the orphan, and the migrant,
Remind us that what we do for the least of these, we do for you.

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.

(11am) **Introduction of New Members**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(11am) **Children's Message**

Hymn of Preparation No. 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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 *There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob* | Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,
And a Sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings (NRSV)
2 Samuel 18:31-33 | Matthew 25:31-46

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

Sermon *"Where is the King"*
Rev. Dr. Joe Evans | Senior 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.

Offering/Offertory *O Rest in the Lord* | Mendelssohn

***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. 757** *Today, We are called to be Disciples*

***Charge and Benediction**

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

***Sending Music** *Allegro fr*om Sonata No.1 Op. 65 | Mendelssohn

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor
Rev. Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate Pastor
8:30am Beadle: Gerald Pouncey | 11am Beadle: Matt Martin
8:30am Acolyte: Deacon | 11am Acolyte: Precious Green
Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | The Chancel Choir
Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Organist
Cheryl Davenport, Alto | 11am AV: Madison Waits

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dee Cobb
in loving memory of her husband, Paul.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL AT FPC

Thursday, November 26 | 12-2pm

This Thanksgiving, families in our local school system and those who come to our food pantry are all invited to celebrate Thanksgiving in our Great Hall, but this gathering is for everyone. Join us in welcoming the community to share in a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings! ***Volunteers and desserts are needed and monetary donations are welcome! Please scan the QR code to RSVP and to Volunteer!***

GOBBLE JOG THANKSGIVING DAY EVENT

Thursday, November 26

Each year, the FPC team Heart & Soles for MUST takes part in the Gobble Jog.
Contact Meg Hartin at hartin13@att.net with questions. Register for the team at
https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Marietta/AnnualMUSTGobbleJog26

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 13 | Two meeting times: Immediately following the 8:30 & 11:00am services

The Session of FPC has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 13, for the purpose of electing Church Officers and Trustees. Church Officers serve and are elected by the congregation and Trustees are elected by the corporation and serve as its Directors. The congregation will vote on a new slate of Church Officers nominated by the Officer Nominating Committee. A brochure with nominees and their bios is available in the Gathering Space.

Immediately afterwards and in accordance with the Bylaws of the Congregation, the congregation will reconvene as members of the Corporation, First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Inc., for the purpose of electing trustees who are nominated by the Session and voting on adopting the newly revised Bylaws of the Trustees, which have been rewritten to make them consistent with 1) The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part II Book of Order and 2) the Restated Articles of Incorporation of our church. These have been previously approved by the Board of Trustees and the Session. Copies are available online at fpcmarietta.org/organization and at the Front Desk.

ADVENT AT FPC

See events on December 13 and beyond at fpcmarietta.org/events

Are you interested in helping decorate for the season? Join us on Thursday, December 3 at 9:30am. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your gloves, scissors, or clippers if you feel you need them.

ANGEL TREE

for children/youth in foster care & others in need
Select a gift off the Angel Tree in the Gathering Space through December 6 and return it by the designated date, or contribute funds for the Angel Tree team to purchase gifts. Questions? Email Anne Fletcher at annefletcher@me.com.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL beginning November 29

POINSETTIAS forms accepted November 22 - December 16

Honor or remember a loved one this Christmas by donating a poinsettia to decorate our worship space. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas. Forms are available at fpcmarietta.org/events and in the Gathering Space.

LIVE NATIVITY Sunday, December 6 | 4-5:30pm

Pet animals, feed the camel, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate & Christmas treats! FPC Youth will gather for a fun activity afterwards! *Cancellation due to weather will be posted at fpcmarietta.org/events

CELTIC CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm at The First United Methodist Church of Marietta
World acclaimed Irish Tenor, Emmet Cahill, hails from Mullingar, Ireland, and is the lead singer with PBS phenomenon Celtic Thunder. He will be accompanied by Pianist Seamus Brett with featured performances by the Chancel Choirs of First United Methodist Church of Marietta and First Presbyterian Marietta and the fabulous Glatter-Götz Pipe Organ. This Christmas concert will include stunning renditions of your favorite Christmas carols and sing-a-longs for the entire audience.

Online pricing is $48 per person. Contact lynnemclaughlin@mariettafumc.org. Children 12 and under are free but do require a ticket. Nursery staff will provide childcare for children ages 8 weeks to PreK. Please pre-register your child(ren) at fpcmarietta.org/events by Saturday, November 28.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS Sundays, December 13 & 20 | 9:45am |Sanctuary

Every year, we revisit the story of Jesus' birth and God's inbreaking into the world. We remember the story. We re-enact the story. How do we tell the story? Join us as we explore what it means to tell the story of Jesus with guest speaker, Dr. Charles Wiley of Day 1.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS

New Seasons | 9:45am | Room 51
Scripture Seekers | 9:45am | Room 50
Salt and Pepper | 9:45am | Room 53
Rooted | 9:45am | Room 231

Advent Class: "The Story of Christmas"
Sundays, December 13 & 20 | 9:45am | Sanctuary
See Advent page for details!

FPC Men's Group will have a potluck Christmas celebration at the Pouncey home on December 13. Friends and spouses are encouraged to attend. Regular meetings will return January 25. For more information or to join, contact John Knox at jdknox162@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | YOUTH MEETINGS | FRIENDSGIVING

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

3-4 Years Old | 9:45am | Patton Bldg | Room 104
K-1st Grade | 9:45am | Speed Bldg | Room 232
2nd-3rd grade | 9:45am | Cotten Bldg | Room 203
4th -5th grade | 9:45am | Cotten Bldg | Room 216

YOUTH MEETINGS (6th-12th Grade)

November 1, 8, 29 | 5-7pm | Youth Room

FPC JOB OPPORTUNITIES - GO TO FPCMARIETTA.ORG/JOBS

FACILITIES MANAGER

The Facilities Manager supports the Property Committee to oversee the church building and grounds maintenance, and facilities care functions to promote a clean, well-kept, and safe environment for members and visitors.

Work Schedule: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Weekend work as needed for unique events.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

FPC seeks an accomplished Executive Assistant to provide high-level support to the Session, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Director of Administration. This is a high-trust, non-member position requiring exceptional organization and work ethic, confidentiality, initiative, and independent judgment.

Work Schedule: Full-Time, Monday–Friday | Primarily On-Site 9:00am – 5:00pm

2027

BEYOND THESE WALLS

FPC STEWARDSHIP



80% OF GOAL REACHED!

DOLLARS PLEDGED

$2,154,187 / $2,700,000

REPRESENTING 311 HOUSEHOLDS

It's not too late to pledge for 2027. If you haven't made your commitment yet, please pledge today by scanning this QR code or VISIT FPCMARIETTA.ORG/COMMIT

FPC Financial Snapshot
2026 Annual Budget: $ 2,402,702.00
As of 10/31/2026

Pledges Update %Pledges received (to budget)	Current Month-October 90.91%	Year-To-Date 87.12%
Budget Update	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenues:	$221,742.51	$2,113,547.79
Total Expenses:	$234,366.20	$1,970,929.22
Net Total:	($12,623.69)	$142,618.57

FIND YOUR PLACE!

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