

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARIETTA

Sunday, November 1, 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 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 *Rigaudon* | Campra

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Surely the Lord Is In This Place* | Colvin

***Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalms)**
Give thanks to the Lord,
For he is good.
He hears our cries.
He heals our wounds.
He turns our sorrow into song.
He clothes us with joy.
Give thanks to the Lord
And bless his name.
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn of Praise No.643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Prayer of Confession
Everlasting God,
In every age, you have raised up faithful followers who, in life and in death, bore witness to you. We confess that we have fallen short in our commitment.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we remain silent.
You call us to love our neighbor, but we are preoccupied with ourselves.
You call us to do justice, but we do nothing at all.
In your mercy, forgive us. Renew our faith and restore in your great cloud of witnesses.

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.

Note: Leaders: regular font | **People: bold font** | *Those who are able, please stand.

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

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

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

A Hymn Concertato *Toulon* | Pettit
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Barb Steele

Offering/Offertory *A Mighty Fortress* | Moklebust

***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**

Choral Anthm *The Gate of Heaven* | Courtney

"Lord of the cloud and fire, my heart is in Your hand.
From the darkness, lift me to the light. Your will my soul command.
Lord of the cloud and fire, lead me to worlds unknown.
Light eternal, You alone can change the darkness into dawn.
From the darkness to the light,
led by the Lord of cloud and fire, at Heaven's gate I stand.
From the darkness to the light,
Led by the Lord of cloud and fire, by faith I stand, at Heaven's gate,
The House of God.
Rise, shine, give God glory.
Lord of the cloud and fire, I bow before Your throne,
By faith at Heaven's gate, I stand, and find it home, and find it, home."

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings (NRSV)
Deuteronomy 31:1-2,7-8,23 | II Timothy 1:1-7, 4:6-8

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

Sermon *"Keeping the Faith"* | *Rev. Cassie Waits,* Associate Pastor

Remembering the Saints
Neil Barfield, Raymond Burke, Mary Anne Cook, Elizabeth Creagh, Jane Dillman, Doris Faber, Buck Ford, Andrea Freund, Fred Fugitt, Alyce Golowash, Sarah Mathis, Wallace Montgomery, Becky Paden, Alan Pittenger, Cheryl Reeves, Jim Speed, Charles Tucker, Nancy Varella, Heather Velardi, Marcy Watterson

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.**

Thanks, and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe. You created all that was; you nurture what is; you imagine all that will be. You are the pattern of community, Three-in-One God of mercy. From the beginning of time, you have created us for relationship with one another, with the earth, and with you. When we reject your call to community, choosing isolation over partnership and brokenness over healing, you call us back, again and again, with words of grace and the promise of new life. Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and places, who forever sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us, and we remember them as we cling to the reality that in life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

The Words of Institution
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

The Distribution

Prayer of Commitment

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***Sending Hymn No. 326** *For All the Saints*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *The Peace of God* | Rutter

***Sending Music** *Lift High the Cross* | Hamlin

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor | Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor
Meri Kate Marcum, Associate Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate Pastor
8:30am Beadle: Blaine Clotfelter | 11am Beadle: Mikel Vann
8:30am Acolyte: Deacon | 11am Acolyte: Deacon
Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts | The Chancel Choir
Daram Song, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts
Church Street Brass | Kirk Ringers

Chancel Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation of the Church Street Brass, whose exceptional musicianship brings beauty, depth, and inspiration to our worship.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Seasons | 9:45am | Room 51 | On Hiatus for October, Attend the Exploring Genesis Series
Salt and Pepper | 9:45am | Room 53 | On Hiatus for October, Attend the Exploring Genesis Series
Scripture Seekers | 9:45am | Room 50
Rooted | 9:45am | Room 231 | On Hiatus for October, Attend the Exploring Genesis Series

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

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)

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

COLLEGE REPS

Sunday, November 8 | Gathering Space | 9:45am
Our Youth families and the congregation at large are invited to visit with representatives from Presbyterian College, Agnes Scott, and Montreat College!

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

Give the gift of life! 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 fun, casual setting. We have the food and beverages covered! Childcare is also available with advance notice. RSVP Required. Questions? Email ShelbyBaxterAndrews@fpcmarietta.org.

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

WINTER COAT DRIVE

through November 15 | to benefit Memorial Drive Refugee Ministries & the Jail Ministry

Gently worn winter coats of all sizes. Donation bins are located in the Gathering Space.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL AT FPC

Thursday, November 26 | 12-2pm

This gathering is for everyone. Join us in welcoming the community to share in a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings! Whether you usually host a large family, are spending the holiday solo, or simply want to share a meal with friends old and new, we invite you to break bread in community together. Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

Volunteers are needed and donations are welcome!
Please scan the QR code for details!



2027

BEYOND THESE WALLS

FPC STEWARDSHIP



SCAN TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY

VISIT FPCMARIETTA.ORG/COMMIT

FOR FAQS AND A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO THE 2027 STEWARDSHIP SEASON

69% OF GOAL REACHED!



DOLLARS PLEDGED

$1,875,451 / $2,700,000

REPRESENTING 115 HOUSEHOLDS

FPC Financial Snapshot

2026 Annual Budget: $ 2,402,702.00

As of 09/30/2026

Pledges Update %Pledges received (to budget)	Current Month-September 75.52%	Year-To-Date 78.74%
Budget Update	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenues:	$151,309.00	$1,891,805.28
Total Expenses:	$202,146.47	$1,735,198.04
Net Total:	($50,943.47)	$156,607.24