



First Presbyterian Church *of Marietta, GA*
As He Came Near
April 14, 2019 | 8:30 & 11:00

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.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in the Season of Lent. As we remember the great day of celebration when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, palms and cloaks carpeting his path, know that this path leads to His death and resurrection. Palm Sunday begins the most important week of the year. From here Jesus goes to eat the Last Supper with His disciples, He experiences betrayal and abandonment, stands trial, is beaten, and then crucified. These world changing events occur during Holy Week which reaches completion next Sunday, Easter Sunday.

†GATHERING MUSIC

All Glory, Laud and Honor | Diemer

Non piu guerra, pietate | Monteverdi

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!

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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

The nursery is available for infants through 4-yr-olds at any time during the service.

Children's Worship Folders are located at the right rear of the Sanctuary and the 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.

God's children of any age with their parents are welcome to use the "Wiggle Space" at the rear of the Great Hall at any time during the service.

INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF FPC?

New members are received by our elders serving on the Session. There is a meeting for this purpose held each month. Call Joe Brice at (770) 427-0293, ext. 238 or Lucy Cooley at (770) 639-3166 and we will be sure to get you connected!

Being Classes for New & Prospective Members
Wednesdays, April 10-24
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Glover Room

LIBRARY LIVESTREAM

The 11:00 worship service each Sunday is livestreamed in our Library. Adults or children accompanied by adults are welcome to make use of this area if they need to leave the service to continue worshiping, either for a short time or for the remainder of the service.

Front Cover Art:

Doré, Gustave (1832-1883)
"Christ's Entry into Jerusalem"

Note:

Leaders: regular font

People: bold font

*Those who are able, please stand.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196 *All Glory Laud and Honor*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

King of Israel,

Forgive me, for while I am quick to sing Your praises, I am slow to do Your will.

While I accept Your forgiveness, I do not always offer it.

While You call me by name, I too often turn a blind eye to my neighbor.

Redeemer King,

You call me to follow, but I drag my feet.

Rather than serve You with my whole heart, body, and strength,

I am torn: greeting You with loud hosanna's one day, betraying You the next.

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 we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *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.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Having received forgiveness and peace from God, let us pass such forgiveness and peace to our neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE (11:00 only) *Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands!* | Patterson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 only)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

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

Sanctus | Fauré

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29 (p. 492)

Luke 19:28-44 (p. 854)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *As He Came Near* | Rev. Joe Evans

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 *Si ch'io vorrei morire* | Monteverdi

***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**

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***SENDING HYMN NO. 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Prayer of St. Patrick* | Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me,

Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

***SENDING MUSIC** *Triumphal March* | Lemmens

IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION...

On Easter Sunday, we will adorn a wooden cross with fresh flowers. The empty cross, the most significant reminder of Jesus' victory over pain, suffering, and death, will be bedecked in colorful celebration of the resurrection. The beauty of the flower-covered cross reminds us that God works most powerfully in the darkest of times. You are encouraged to participate by bringing fresh blooms (ie. azaleas, Lenten roses, bulb blossoms, camellias, or any yard or purchased flowers) to celebrate our risen Lord. The cross will be placed at the entrance to the Gathering Space.

TODAY'S

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Joe Evans

Senior Pastor

Rev. Joe Brice

Associate Pastor

Lucy Cooley

Beadle

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks

Director

Dr. Cal Johnson

Principal Organist

The Chancel Choir

Atlanta Chamber Brass

Mark Dulin, Rolando

Fernandez, Eric Hawkins, Erin

Cundiff, Corey Shermann

Alleluia Singers

Director: Collen Crotty

CHANCEL FLOWERS

A big thanks to Marilyn Tucker

for the arrangement

of palms this morning,

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional

Great Hall

11:00 a.m. Traditional

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Special Music

8:30: *Trumpets &*

Chancel Choir

11:00: *Orchestra &*

Chancel Choir

Sunday School for all ages

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

No Fellowship Breakfast on Easter

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Sunday Offering Benefits:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, & Self-Development of People all work in different ways to serve those in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.



CHANGING LIVES

Moving forward with directed growth
through faith, hope, & love

FPC's Capital Campaign is underway! Please prayerfully consider how you can help reach our goal of \$250,000! You may make your contribution in one of three ways:

- Write a check
- Pay through bank draft
- Submit a payment through the website

Questions regarding payments should be directed to Andy Workman, Director of Finance, at AndyWorkman@fpcmarietta.org, or by calling 770-427-0293, ext 224.

The deadline for contributions is June 1st due to time-sensitive projects.
Thank you in advance for your generous gift.

First Presbyterian Church invites you to join us for

Holy Week Mid-Day Services | April 15 - 19

11:50am - 12:15pm | a soup & sandwich lunch will follow
led by community pastors | music by the Church Street Trio

Maundy Thursday April 18 | 7:00pm

communion | music by FPC's Chancel Choir & the Church Street Trio

On this day we remember how Jesus, at table with his disciples, took the bread and the cup and issued this mandate: "Do this in remembrance of me."

Good Friday | April 19 | 7:00pm

music led by FPC's Kirk Ringers

Seven different preachers will offer a brief homily based on one of the seven last words that Jesus uttered before he breathed his last.

He Is Risen!

Easter Sunday | April 21

8:30 & 11:00am Worship | 9:45am Sunday School

On this day we celebrate the moment when our Savior, who would not be confined to the grave, conquered death.

**A nursery is available for Maundy Thursday,
Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services**

First Presbyterian Church Marietta explores

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health & aging · grieving · care facilities · legal concerns

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 10-24, MAY 1 | 6-7 P.M.



THIS WEEK:

April 17: Grieving & Other End-of-Life Matters
Joe Evans & Joe Brice will discuss preparing for funerals, the grief process as well as other concerns when a loved one passes away.

COMING UP:

**April 24: Retirement Living:
from Independence to Full-Time Care**
May 1: Protecting Seniors Fiscally & Physically

Easter Lilies

If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, forms are online & in the Gathering Space & are due by Wednesday, April 17.

Dedications will be printed in a insert on Easter Sunday.

