

Hope

First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, GA

Restore us, O God; Let Your Face Shine, That We May Be Saved

December 3, 2017 | 11:15

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

Just as Moses was called out by the Holy Spirit to meet God at Mt. Horeb, so we too have been called and gathered as the church to meet God here and worship Him with all that we are. In worship, God's holiness and His great love revealed to us make us ever mindful of our sinful nature. It is here in community we hear God's Word spoken to us. It is here we respond. It is from here that we are sent to be the hands and feet of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Worship is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We were created to worship.

†**GATHERING MUSIC** *Fantasy & Chorale on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" | Arnold*
Savior of the Nations Come | Mockelbust

PROCESSION OF ACOLYTE AND BEADLE

†**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry.

If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HYMNAL | *Dr. James O. Speed, Pastor Emeritus*

***GATHERING HYMN NO. 84** *Creator of the Stars of Night*

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.

On Communion Sundays, children remain in worship with their families.

God's children of any age 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 on every third Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Glover Room. 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!

Today's Hymn, "Savior of the Nations Come," has historically been sung on the first Sunday of Advent since it was penned by Martin Luther in 1524. The text was inspired by the hymn text "Come, Redeemer," thought to have been written by Ambrose of Milan in the late fourth century. Luther's tune has been used throughout western music history, most notably by Bach who not only used the tune for his great chorale prelude (as played by Cal this morning), but in his cantata of 1724.

Note:

Leaders: regular font

People: bold font

**Those who are able, please stand.*

† Worshipers may be seated.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Leader: We light the Advent candles, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and look forward in hope.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: There are five candles.

We light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas. Candles are useful. They give light and warmth when electricity fails.

Candles are simple, yet ingenious. They show us the inventiveness of people in the past and connect us with generations before us.

Candles are special. In the dark, they give bright light and warm shadows. Candlelight brings us together as we talk and laugh and listen.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: In Isaiah, chapter 64, a prophet cries out to God: "O that You would tear open the heavens, and come down. O that You would make Your name known. You have hidden Your face from us. Yet we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand." Today we light the first candle, the Candle of Hope, as a prayer for our suffering world, that God, Who is often hidden, may be revealed to us and to all. Living God, come to our world.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

†*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 102 *Savior of the Nations Come*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, creator of the stars of night, let Your face shine upon me, that I may be saved from the self-centeredness that leaves me isolated; from those reckless habits that jeopardize my health; and from a heart of desire that keeps me from satisfaction. Savior of the nations, come and save me from myself. O, that You would tear open the heavens and come down. O, that You would light my way and walk beside me. O, that You would show me your face and reveal to me your grace. You are the potter and we are the clay. Forgive us, redeem us, and make us new.

(Silence for personal confession)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness will not overcome it.

By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the light of hope that he shines, I declare that we are forgiven.
Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING | OFFERTORY *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* | Henderson

*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 *And the Glory* | Handel

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 80: 1-7; 17-19 (NRSV) (NIV pew bibles p. 727)

Isaiah 64: 1-9 (NRSV) (NIV pew bibles p. 694)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Restore us, O God; Let Your Face Shine, That We May Be Saved | 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | 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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT Kingsfold | Anderson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Savior of the Nations Come | Bach

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

***SENDING HYMN NO. 129** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***SENDING MUSIC** Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" | Arnold

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Great Hall on Sunday, December 3, 2017 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Eleanor Miner McLean and Ruth McIntosh Powell, by Jim and Laura Powell.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Joe Evans

Senior Pastor

Rev. Joe Brice

Associate Pastor

Rev. Lisa Majoros

Associate Pastor

Alesia Jones

Director of Children's

Ministries

Chris Harrison

Beadle

The Brogan Family

Justis, Ginny, Zoey, & Jimmy

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks

Director

Dr. Cal Johnson

Principal Organist

Julie Galt, Bells

The Chancel Choir

The Church Street Brass

Rolando Fernandez, Trumpet 1

Jesse Baker, Trumpet 2

Tyler Smith, French Horn

Joel Griswell, Trombone

Corey Sherman, Tuba



COMMUNION

You may partake of the bread and the cup prayerfully and in your own timing.

Gluten-free wafers are provided in the center of the bread trays. Grape juice is served in place of wine.

NEXT WEEK

2nd Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY, DEC 10

8:30 a.m. Traditional
Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Traditional
Great Hall

Live Nativity

Wednesday, December 6th

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Cake & family activities inside

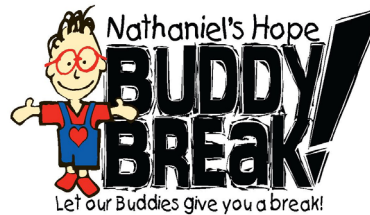
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Advent Candle Lighting

Sign-Up Online to light the
Advent Candle with your family this
Christmas.



Nathaniel's Hope

**BUDDY
BREAK!**

Let our Buddies give you a break!

**NEXT BUDDYBREAK:
DECEMBER 16TH**

Make a Reservation:
(770) 427-0293, ext 240
BuddyBreak@fpcmarietta.org

Christmas Poinsettias

Remember a loved one or honor
a special person this season.

Forms are available
at the Front Desk or
for download online.

Submission deadline is
Wednesday, December 13th



Advent Evensong

A Service of Reflection & Hope

December 21st, 7 p.m.

Sanctuary



WEDNESDAY nights

December 6th Programs: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Live Nativity! 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dinner:

Salad bar or Shepherds Pie (beef or vegetable),
Broccoli & Cauliflower medley, dessert

Christmas Eve Services

11:15 a.m. Traditional, Great Hall
4:00 p.m. Family Service, Great Hall
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Great Hall
11:00 p.m. Communion, Sanctuary

New Year's Eve Services

8:30 & 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17th | 7 p.m.

