

*Christ Presbyterian Church*

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Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for your interest in knowing more about us and engaging in an open discourse with the Pastoral Search Committee at Christ Presbyterian Church. We are excited about what God is doing through His covenantal family here in Marietta, Georgia.

As you look through this profile of our church, we hope that it leads you to a better understanding of what we believe is God's vision for our Church and its ministries. This profile includes church demographics, history, and a brief description of our ministries.

We are grateful for your participation in our search for a new senior pastor. Our interaction with you will be kept in strictest confidence, and will be handled with deliberate prayer and as much speed as possible. Moreover, we promise to keep you updated on our progress as it relates to you. The Pastoral Search Committee is committed to continuing in earnest prayer throughout this process, seeking wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit and trusting that the Lord will lead us to the man He has chosen to lead our church forward.

Blessings and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J. Noren".

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# Christ Presbyterian Church at a Glance

## Statistics

Year Founded: 1984  
 Presbytery: Northwest Georgia  
 Annual Budget: Approximately \$236,000 (2018-19)  
 Total Staff: 1 Part-time Admin. Assistant  
 Part-time musician(s)  
 Senior Pastor (vacant since 12/31/18)  
 Website: [www.christpca.org](http://www.christpca.org)  
 Worship Style: Traditional  
 Diversity: Our congregation is a mix of ethnicities

### Communing Families

Members: 78  
 Families: 30  
 % Male: 51%  
 % Female: 49%

### Regular Attenders

Families: 9  
 % Male: 57%  
 % Female: 43%

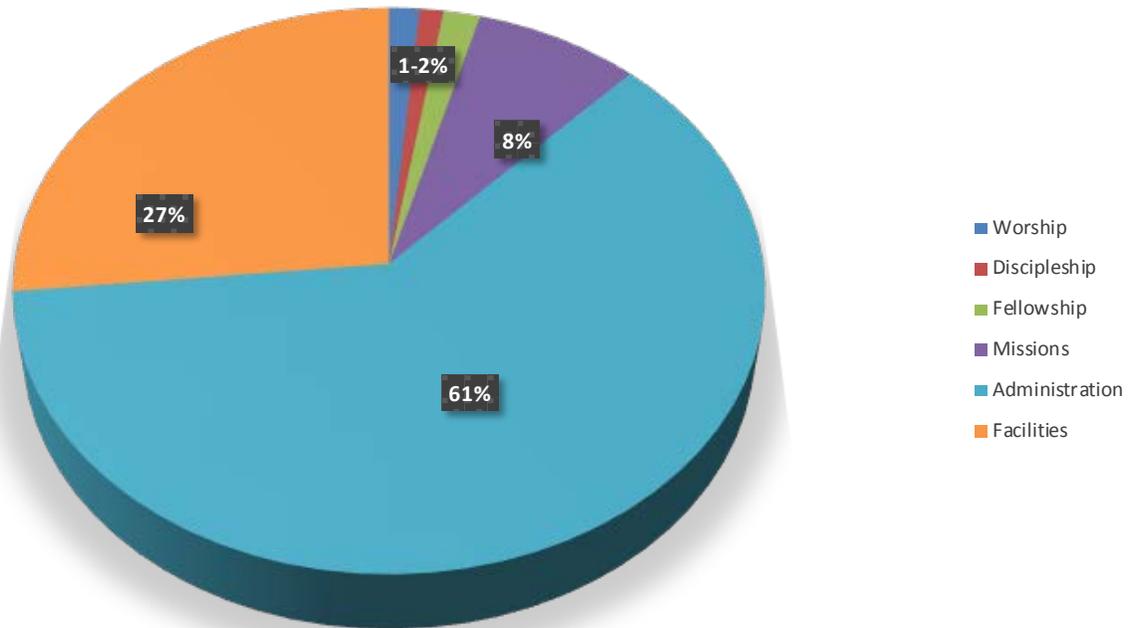
### Age Ranges:

0-11: 21%  
 12-20: 18%  
 21-50: 22%  
 51-64: 22%  
 65+: 18%

### Age Ranges:

0-11: 7%  
 12-20: 0%  
 21-50: 43%  
 51-64: 43%  
 65+: 7%

## Finances (2019-20) Annual Budget: \$162,000



### Facilities

- Sanctuary with balcony (seats approximately 235 people); organ and grand piano.
- Downstairs: fellowship hall, classrooms, nursery, kitchen area.
- Education annex.
- Fully equipped non-commercial kitchen.
- 4.9+/- acre property & facilities; debt-free.

Normal worship attendance ranges from 40 to 60 attendees

## A Brief History

In 1983 a group of six families began meeting for Bible study on Sunday evenings at the Marietta YWCA with Rev. Al Baker, a PCA minister in the Presbytery of North Georgia. In June of 1984 the first worship service was held at the American Business Center with approximately fifty adults in attendance. On November 11, 1984, Christ Presbyterian Church became a particular church in the Presbytery of North Georgia of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The congregation is currently blessed with an excellent location in a busy area of East Cobb County. Improvements have been made to the existing church building and an education building has been added. With its central location, traditional architecture, and attractive sanctuary and fellowship hall, Christ Presbyterian offers an inviting setting for wedding ceremonies for members and guests alike.

Five full-time pastors have ministered at different times to the congregation since 1984: Rev. Al Baker, Rev. Steve Jackson, Rev. David Swicegood, Rev. Legree Finch, and Rev. Toby Holt. During the periods between full-time pastors, two ministers assisted with interim responsibilities: the late Pastor Emeritus Rev. John MacGregor and the late Rev. Bob Sweet. Ruling Elder Doug Merkey also served the congregation as a seminary intern prior to his ordination as a teaching elder and prior to Rev. Finch's call in August, 1998. Rev. Finch faithfully served for 16 years during which time he completed his Doctorate of Ministry. In May of 2014 Rev. Finch was honorably retired as Pastor Emeritus. In February of 2015 Rev. Toby Holt accepted a call to be pastor of Christ Presbyterian and was installed in March, 2015, serving until his departure at the end of 2018.

During the summer of 2003, the church began a full time, year-long internship program for ministerial candidates, under the tutelage of Rev. Finch. Since that time, five men have successfully completed their licensure, internship and ordination requirements at Christ Presbyterian Church.

Christ Presbyterian has always stressed the importance of music in the worship of God through hymns and special music. Currently a part-time organist serves to enhance the worship service. On occasion, musically skilled members of the congregation use their gifts to honor God with special music.

Christ Presbyterian is also ably served by Marcia Balboa, our administrative assistant.

### **WHAT WE BELIEVE:**

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.

We believe that salvation is by God alone, as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based upon His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation

We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.

We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

We hold to the confessional and constitutional documents of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

A variety of Committees work to plan and coordinate the programs of Christ Presbyterian Church.

## **Mercy Ministry**

We have earned a reputation as a caring church and businesses and utilities in the area will send those in need to us. We respond with financial help if we can and the gospel message. Some of these needy individuals have become members.

## **Outreach Ministry Team**

Our largest committee oversees outreach events and activities, promotion of the church via its website, and support of community groups as well as overseas and domestic missionaries and college campus fellowships.

We work as partners of Cobb Pregnancy Services that is dedicated to preventing abortions. In addition to financial contributions to the group, we have twice hosted Cobb Pregnancy's annual Walk for Life.

Christ Presbyterian Church contributes to the work of Ministries United for Service and Training (MUST), an organization that ministers to those on the fringes of society. CPC supports MUST through financial donations and ongoing collection of canned goods.

We support several missionaries on a monthly basis:

The Kohlers – Ireland: Andrew and his family have been missionaries in Ireland for 8 years now but moved to Boyle last year to plant a new church. They are building relationships and having regular Bible Studies. They are supported by [CalvaryMission.net](http://CalvaryMission.net)

The Stoddards – Germany: David is the International Director for MTW serving in Europe. They are specifically ministering to the people of Germany and the refugees there, as well as pastoring the missionaries in Europe.

The Gregoires – Slovakia: Dan and Rebecca and their kids are ministering with MTW through personal relationships with Slovaks and the Roma people (Gypsies, who are outcasts in Slovakia) in addition to working with a local church.

## **Women's Ministry Team**

The CPC Women's Ministry Team offers a weekly Bible study, currently held Saturdays at 10 am in the church. Quarterly events and a retreat round out the fellowship.

## **Discipleship Ministry Team**

The educational ministries of CPC are coordinated by the Discipleship Ministry Team. Our classes are taught by our elders and other gifted teachers from the congregation. Recent adult studies have included Genesis Foundation and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

## **Fellowship Ministry Team**

The Fellowship Ministry Team plans various activities during the year. These have included fellowship meals after church, game-nights, and pizza-nights held at the church, cookouts around the end of June and early July at a member's home, and an Inquirer's luncheon for those who have completed the CPC Church Membership class.

## **Nursery Ministry Team**

During the Sunday worship service, CPC provides safe, loving and nurturing care for children from birth through 3-years of age in its fully equipped nursery. The Nursery Team oversees all facets of maintaining the nursery in sanitary and good condition. It schedules two women to serve in the nursery each Sunday.

The picturesque rolling hills and friendly neighborhoods near Christ Presbyterian Church are beautifully landscaped and surrounded by notable Civil War sites. The Chattahoochee River is nearby and historic Sope Creek, where General Sherman initiated his “March to the Sea”, meanders its way through this part of Marietta.

Located in flourishing East Cobb County, Christ Presbyterian Church is part of a community that calls Marietta home due to its close proximity to Atlanta (20 miles), relatively low tax rates, first-rate educational resources, and family-friendly spots to gather like The Battery Atlanta at SunTrust Park (home of the Atlanta Braves)

Marietta is Cobb County’s largest city and one of Atlanta’s largest suburbs with 61,000 residents. Members of the community are afforded an array of enchanting shops, galleries, museums and parks. A popular community event is the Taste of East Cobb, where foodies enjoy the warm spring weather and sample dishes from the area’s finest restaurants. Downtown Marietta has a charming town square, hosting several cultural productions and public events, including a weekly farmers' market.

Cobb County public schools are known for their academic rigor and fiercely competitive athletic programs. More than 20,000 students go on to pursue their higher education at the Marietta or Kennesaw campuses of Kennesaw State University, Life University, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta Campus.

Christ Presbyterian Church is located in the northwestern suburbs of metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia. CPC's proximity to downtown Atlanta and to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport puts it just 30-minutes from world-class entertainment and the world's busiest airport.

Every city has big attractions, but Atlanta's are hard to beat. The city has one of the world's largest aquariums, with over 60 exhibits and 10 million gallons of water. Next to the Georgia Aquarium, at the World of Coca-Cola, patrons can break into the vault to steal the secret Coke formula or try all of the Coke flavors from around the world. The iconic Fox Theater was built to look like an ancient temple from the Far East, and it cost \$3 million dollars (the equivalent of \$40 million dollars today) when it was built in 1929. Originally intended for moviegoers, the Fabulous Fox hosts over 250 national shows each year. The highly renowned Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta is one of the most comprehensive arts destinations in the nation, combining the High Museum of Art, Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the eclectic 14th Street Playhouse into a highly integrated artistic experience. The Atlanta Ballet is the oldest professional dance company in America, as well as the largest self supported arts organization in Georgia. The Ballet and the Atlanta Opera both now reside in Cobb County.

Atlanta claims a number of major-league sports teams including the Falcons (NFL), the Hawks (NBA), the Dream (WNBA), and the Braves (MLB), who are currently playing in their brand new stadium in Cobb County. The Atlanta Motor Speedway hosts NASCAR events. Other recreational features include Zoo Atlanta, the Cyclorama (Civil War history), Stone Mountain, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Piedmont Park (the city's largest public park and the site of the 1895 International and Cotton States Exposition), Centennial Olympic Park (the largest urban park built in the United States in the last twenty-five years), and the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Atlanta enjoys four distinct seasons and is sunny 60% of the time. Residents of metro Atlanta take outdoor activities seriously, whether it's going for a run on the Silver Comet Trail, hiking Kennesaw Mountain or spending the day in Piedmont Park. One can take a relaxing trip down the Chattahoochee River on a tube, raft, or canoe, drive north to the Great Smoky Mountains to watch the leaves change colors in the fall, or visit any of three area lakes. Florida is only 240 miles away and Georgia's historic Atlantic coast is a short 4-hour drive.