



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia is to answer God's call by offering: inspired worship; creating great relationships with members and community; educating and serving both members and the community God has entrusted to us.

***Please stand if able**

bold=unison

Prayer of Preparation

(Silent prayer)

Lord of our hearts, we pray for all places and all things and all people. We pray for light and life and goodness and joy. We strive to be kind and thoughtful and compassionate. We seek the peace of your kingdom in our daily lives. We ask your blessing upon this gathered fellowship of your people - your church. Bless us in this worship as we honor and praise your Holy name. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Here we are, ordinary people

Gathered in this place of worship and welcome

Called to be the Holy People of God

Let us have eyes to see and ears to hear

God's holiness is all around us and in our lives

Thanks be to God!

Let us worship God!

****Hymn:***

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#341

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, you are what “good” is and in trust of that goodness we pray for your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all those we have sinned against. Cleanse of all hurtfulness - greed, envy, and cruelty.. Remake our hearts to be an image of your goodness, We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good—on love, compassion, and care of others. Empower us, in your grace, to live a Christlike life. We ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

...Let us live our lives as those transformed
by God’s abundant grace!

**Gloria Patri* “Glory be to the Father” #734
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.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 15:1-9

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

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.

**Hymn:*

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

#589

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

"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"

Celebration of Generosity

#34

**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*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

**Hymn:*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#68

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Organist Lew Cassels

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway .

WELCOME: We gather in worship together. Whether we are in the sanctuary or at home, we are grateful for the technology that connects us as one in Christ. Together we are the church.

Church Prayer List

FPC - MEMBERS: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, family of Marilyn Stander.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Sally McSwain, family of Linda Sue Marsh, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and Cindy Trawick.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, Susie Lepianka, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST: Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

Session

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Look what's coming...

Sunday	August 16	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection 4 Needy
Monday	August 17	5:30 Session meeting
Tuesday	August 18	10:00 Card Class
Wednesday	August 19	12:30 Bible study
Friday		No Men's luncheon Will resume in September.
Sunday	August 23	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic.

Church Information

Attendance: 24

Offering: 07-26-26-\$3,150.00

Offering: 08-02-26-\$2,892.00

Offering: 08-09-26-\$2,221.00

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Church Office

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Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar