

***First Presbyterian Church
209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, FL
March 14, 2021***



Organized August 28, 1898

(Fourth Sunday in Lent)

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia is to answer God's Call by:

- offering (theologically) inspired worship;*
- creating great relationships with members and community;*
- Educating and serving both members and the community God has entrusted to us.*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

** Please stand if able*

Prelude: *O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Dirr

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements:

A Special welcome to those who listen online. We appreciate your presence-in-the-spirit even if you cannot be here with us. Together we are the church.

In this time the experts are telling us the most dangerous for Covid-19 we thank you for following the Session's guideline asking you to wear a mask covering both your nose and mouth and to maintain social distance, except those who have medical reasons for not wearing a mask all the time.

In doing this even if we do not feel endangered ourselves, we honor Christ's command to love and serve our neighbors and, we help each other. Please also pray that the vaccinations may happen quickly and we can get beyond this pandemic.

Beginning Sunday, March 21st choir practice at 10:30 a.m. On Wednesday, March 24th bell will practice at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Worship

Dr. Will Browne

***Hymn:** *To God Be the Glory*

66 v 1

Call to Confession *(John 4:23-24)*

But the hour is coming, and is now here,

when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,

for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Come, let us worship God.

Assurance of Pardon

***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 be-ginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.*

Children's Message

Dr. Will Browne

Music: *Selected Ellie Sutphin, flute*

***Hymn:** *Amazing Grace*

422 all verses

Old Testament: *Psalms 32*

Dr. Will Browne

New Testament: *John 3:14-21*

(read responsively)

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

Condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’*

Prayer of Illumination

Dr. Will Browne

Sermon: *Believing into the Light*

Dr. Will Browne

Directed and Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who are 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 Dr. Will Browne

***Doxology** #34

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.

***Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Will Browne

***Hymn:** *Lift High the Cross* # 287 v 1

***Charge and Benediction:** Dr. Will Browne

Postlude: *Keep Me Ever Near* Charles Dirr

Church Prayer List

FPC - Members: Millie Foster, Dutch Mann and Marilyn McConnell

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS:

Lew McSwain Brandes (Genie's sister), Robert Connor, Dan Cribbs (Clair Cribbs's son), Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's

cousin), Roger Evans, Brian Harris(Gallant's son in law), Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Dean Phillips (Edith's friend), Bob Smith (Sheila Knoche's uncle), Ruth Ann Smith, Sherrie Turner, JoLynn Wright (Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

Military List

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, and Cole Overcash.

The families of A.D. "Bucky" Neal and JoAnn Douglas.

Church Calendar

March 2021

- 14 9:45 am Sunday school classes
- 11:00 am Worship
- 15 5:30 pm Session meeting/duplex
- 20 11:00 am Charles Dirr Memorial Service

Church Information

Attendance Last Sunday: 47

Viewed by Facebook: 42

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 4,357.69

Year to date: \$37,866.69

Session:

2021: Beth Lizak, Mitzie McGavic, Johnny Maassen, Jean Borsmann

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Bill Stander

2023: Jeff Adams, Ann Pepper, Ellie Sutphin, Edith Wildt

Elders Emeriti: Margaret Way, David Holloman

Church Directory

Pastor:	Dr. Will Browne
Clerk of Session	Elder Mitzie McGavic
Director of Music	Genie Martin
Organist	Lew Cassels
Treasurer	Elder Edward Maassen
Sound Technician	Elder Tyler Maassen
Office Manager	Karen Cassels

Church office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

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Date	Time	Activity	Place
Feb.17-Apr.1	Daily	Lenten devotionals	Online
Apr. 1	6:00 P.M.	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Apr. 3	10:00 A.M.	Easter  hunt	Martin home
Apr. 4	6:00 A.M.	Sunrise Service	Lake Katherine
Apr. 4	10:45 A.M.	Flowering the cross	Front lawn
Apr. 4	11:00 A.M.	Easter worship service	Sanctuary