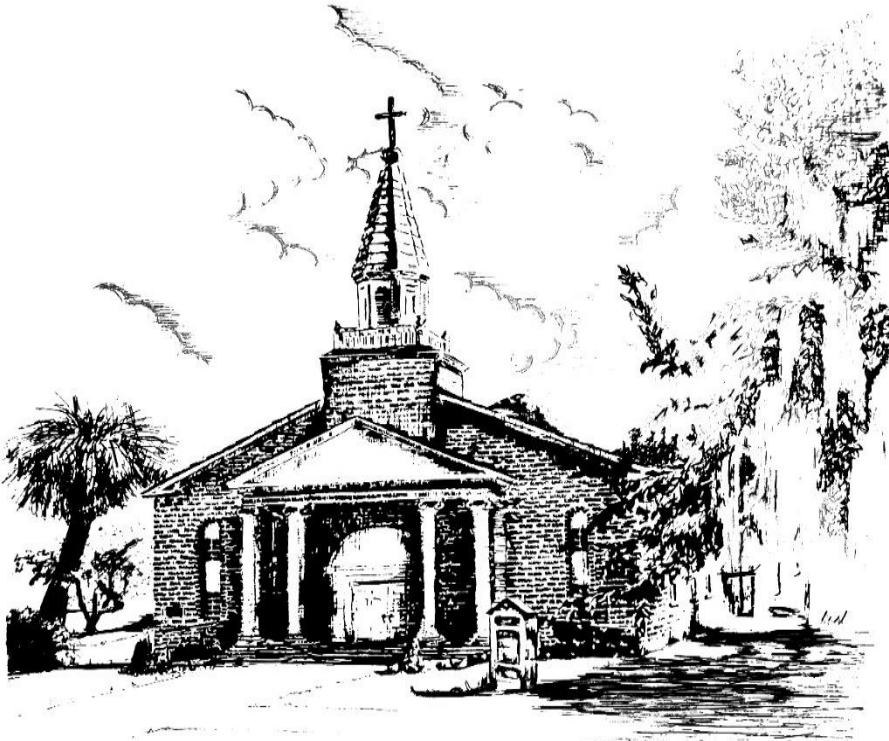


***First Presbyterian Church
209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, FL***

April 1, 2021 - (Maundy Thursday)

*A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another, as I have loved you. John 13:34*



Organized August 28, 1898

A Service of Preparation

** Please stand*

Prelude: *Selected*

Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call to Worship

Elder Dave Bremer

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

**On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
telling us to do for others as he has done for us.**

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

**That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy
sacrifice**

That on this day we may be partakers of his resurrection,

And at the last day may dwell with him in heaven.

On this Holy Thursday we celebrate the new command we have received
from Jesus.,

**"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have
loved you."**

Hymn: *The Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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(please remain seated)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Elder Dave Bremer

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that, in
our sin, we break faith with the covenant and obstruct your will. In Jesus
Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves
from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you**

command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Declaration of Pardon**

Elder Dave Bremer

***Gloria Patri**

Unison Prayer

(Unison) Dr. Will Browne

Almighty Father, your Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for him; give us the will to be the servant of others as Jesus was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture: *John 13:31-35*

Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Dr. Will Browne

Meditation: *The Basin and the Table*

Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Intercession

Dr. Will Browne

Call to Affirmation of Faith

Elder Dave Bremer

***The Apostles' Creed**

(unison)

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:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Will Browne

Invitation

Jesus bids us to be welcome at the table to which he has invited us.

We come grateful for all the God has done for us in Jesus our Lord.

There is a seat reserved for each of us – we are expected by name.

We are honored to be at the table.

We are blessed to receive the elements of bread and wine,
the body of Christ given for us.

At this table we are brothers and sisters of Christ
– part of the very family of God.

**Let us come together to accept Jesus' invitation
and share this holy meal.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

(unison)

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 lead us not into temptation,

and deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

(unison)

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this
holy meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and blood.
May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love
Show, in our lives, the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn:** *What Wondrous Love is This*

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*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude:** *Selected*

Lew Cassels

Church Calendar

April 2021

- 3 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt Genie Martin's home
- 4 9:45 am **No Sunday school classes**
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Practice

10:45 am Flowering of the Cross
11:00 am Worship
7 2:00 pm Worship/Music Meeting/Duplex
6:30 pm No Handbell practice

Church Directory

Pastor:	Dr. Will Browne
Clerk of Session	Elder Mitzie McGavic
Director of Music	Genie Martin
Organist	Lew Cassels
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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