

**First Presbyterian Church
209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, FL
May 16, 2021 – (ASCENSION SUNDAY)**



Organized August 28, 1898

*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*

Prelude: *Selected*

Lew Cassels

Chimes

Welcome

Dr. Will Browne

**Call to Worship: (Psalm 47:1, 6-7)*

Dr. Will Browne

Clap your hands, all you peoples

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises;

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For God is the king of all the earth

Sing praises with a psalm!

Let us worship God.

***Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

#317

Apostles' Creed

Elder Edward Maassen

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

I BELIEVE 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.

Choral Amen

Call to Confession Elder Edward Maassen

Prayer of Confession: Elder Edward Maassen

Assurance of Pardon: Elder Edward Maassen

The God of all grace,
who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ,
will restore, support, and strengthen us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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, Amen*

Children’s Moment Dr. Will Browne

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Dr. Will Browne

First Lesson: *John 1: 1-5, 9-14a* Elder Edward Maassen

Music: *How Great Thou Art* arr. Linda McKenzie

Second Lesson: *Acts 1:1-11* Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination Dr. Will Browne

Sermon: *The Descended Ascended* Dr. Will Browne

***Hymn:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #480

Moment for Generosity

Offertory #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**

***Hymn:** *Be Still, My Soul* #451

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

***Choral and Benediction**

Postlude: *Selected* Lew Cassels

** Please bring a **RED** unscented candle for Pentecost next Sunday.

We would like to thank the Congregational Care Team for all the food, phone calls and support during Ron's recent illness and surgery. Ron and Sue Overcash

WELCOME: 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.

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.

Church Prayer List

FPC - Members: Rich & Jean Borsmann, Millie Foster, Murial Hall, Heather Kamberg, Shelia Knoche and Marilyn McConnell

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS:

Billy Bennett, Linda Brodowsky, Hans Bursa, Pam and Rick Dodd, Roger Evans, Jane Hayward and son Ozzie, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Rusty and Robbie Mullins, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Dean Phillips (Edith's friend), Bob Smith (Sheila Knoche's uncle), Ruth Ann Smith, Ann Stevens (Jan's Mother), Sherrie Turner, Malcomb & Jackie Underwood, Margaret White, JoLynn Wright (Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

Military List:

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

Church Calendar

May 2021

16	10:00 am	Sunday school
	10:30 am	Choir Practice
	11:00 am	Worship/Children Coins Collection
17	5:30 pm	Session Meeting/Pfrangle Hall
19	6:30 pm	Handbell practice

Church Information

Attendance Last Sunday: **39** Viewed by Facebook: **64**
Offering Last Sunday: **\$ 3,524.00** Year to date: **\$66,557.69**

Session:

2021: Beth Lyszak, 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
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