



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas

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

Choral Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Unto Us a Boy Is Born"

arr. by David Payton

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call to Worship

Litany Psalm 148:1-12

Elder Jackie Harris, Rev. Dr. Will Browne

¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Psalm 148:13-14 (**Unison**)

¹³ **Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven**

¹⁴ **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Praise the LORD!

**Hymn:*

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patria*

"Glory be to the Father"

#34

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.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 63:7-9

Elder Jackie Harris

Anthem:

"Christmas Angels"

arr. by Joel Raney

Ellie Sutphin, flute

Second Lesson:

Matthew 2:13-23

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Jackie Harris

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:*

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#198

Celebration of Generosity

**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. Amen*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Let us as 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”

**Hymn:*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#106

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

**Choral Benediction*

Postlude

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Traditional Spiritual

Mike Cooley

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: Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Debbie Webb, 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

2025: Dave Bremer, Jill Maassen, Mac Martin, Terry Presson

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

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

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 38

Viewed on Facebook: 21

Offering:

Year to Date: **\$182,762.92**

Church Directory

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Church Office

Monday-Friday 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Pastor – Dr. Will Browne: cell phone (941) 928-7504

Clerk of Session – Elder Jill Maassen

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar

Look what's coming.....

Sunday	Dec. 28	No Adult Sunday School until January 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Dec. 31	No Handbell or Chancel Choir practice
Thursday	Jan. 1	New Year's Day/Office closed
Friday	Jan. 2	Office closed
Sunday	Jan. 4	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Paper Angels collection

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 Jill Maassen

Poinsettias...given to God's glory



In loving memory of . . .

Charles & Joyce Harman- The Adams family-Jeff, Nancy, Robb, Gabby,
Logan & Morgan

Richard Borsmann, Roberta Mann- Jean Borsmann

Bremer Parents & Randall Parents – Dave & Judy Bremer

Jane Campbell — Jim Campbell

Bruce Delahunty – Becky Delahunty

**William W. Dishong and Nell F. Dishong; Ella Word Dishong and
J. L. Dishong, Sr.; Grayson Rayborn and Georgia Rayborn;
Frank Hagan; Richard K. Kelly; John L. Dishong, Jr.; Terry S.
Rayborn. –** Dianne Hagan, Jane R. Rayborn & Grayson H. Rayborn, Jr &
Judy Kelly.

Ruth & John Yama; Darryl Head – Susan Head & Family

Wayne L. Gallant, Austin & Neola Gallant, Carson & Dorothy Bouton-
Marilyn Gallant

Jimmy & Christi Gill – Addison & Caidyn Gill

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Knoche, Mr. & Mrs. E. Smith and our Infant Son-
Don & Sheila Knoche

Harold F. Lebbert; Carol Coyle – MayBelle Lebbert

LoPorto/Harp – Jan LoPorto

John S. Maassen II; Kathryn Maassen; Lonnie Gunter – David & Debi
Maassen

**John and Kathryn Maassen, Norene Maassen, Norman &
Barbara Eilertsen and Jack Eilertsen –** Edward & Jill Maassen

**John, Kathryn & Norene Maassen, Vivian, Al & Harry
Clemons — Johnny & Sue Maassen**

**Dr. & Mrs. Gordon McSwain & Dr. Calvin Martin —
Genie Martin**

Family & Friends gone ahead — Mac & Mary Pete Martin

**Hal White, Rodger White, William McGavic, Sr., Ruth Ann
McGavic - Mitzie & Bill McGavic**

Bill Stander— Marilyn Stander

Ray Sutphin- Ellen Sutphin

**Robert Calvin Thomas; Robert W. & Ruth R, Thomas; Wa
(Bill) Neal & Grace D.& Neal — Cherie Neal Thomas & Family**

Jessie D' Aurora — Jeffrey Wildt

**Jim Wildt, John & Sara York, Joe & Helen Wildt, Michael
Lyons— The Wildt Family**

**Candy Reid, Margaret Way, Jerry Nathe — Edith Wildt & Carolyn
Luter**

**Ted Zolkos; our parents & nephew; Dr. Calvin Martin- Marlou
Zolkos**



In honor of....

**The members of First Presbyterian Church at Arcadia — Hmingi &
Will Browne**

Genie Martin and Mike Cooley- The Chancel and Handbell choirs

Choir & Mike Cooley — Susan Head & Family

Margaret White — Mitzie & Bill McGavic