



*Organized August 28, 1898*

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

*August 27, 2023*

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

***Quasiquicentennial (125<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary***

***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 for use before Worship***

God of grace and love we come to worship you in your presence and in the company of many others. We remember that we are connected with people across the span of time, across geographical and political divisions. Grant that our hearts and minds might be fully open to you for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Processional***

*"Highland Cathedral"*

Gary Reinstrom  
*Pipe Major*

Ulrich Roever-Michael Korb  
(1982)

***Welcome and Announcements***

Elder Jill Maassen

***Prelude***

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
(NICA EA)  
(pre-recorded)

words by Reginald Heber  
music by John B. Dykes  
1823- 1876)

setting by Joel Raney

*Premiere performance at this church on March 20, 2010*

***Chimes***

Organist Lew Cassels

***Call to Worship***

(from Psalm 90:1-2.14)  
(read at 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

Charmaine Ponkratz

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth**

**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**

**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Call to Confession** (*Isaiah 55:6-7 from The Hymnbook 1955*)      Rev. Dr. Ted Land

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Prayer Of Confession** (*Psalm 51 adapted The Hymnbook 1955*)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Bill Teng

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel,  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**\*Gloria Patria**

*"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.

**First Scripture Lesson**

*Psalm 145:1-6*

Rev. Bill Teng

**Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 2:25-32*

Elder Jill Maassen

**Third Scripture Lesson**

*1 Peter 1: 1-9*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

## ***Prayer of Illumination***

### ***Sermon***

*“Imperishable Inheritance”*

### ***Anthem***

*“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”*

Mark A. Miller

### ***Moderatorial Greeting***

Carson Brown

### ***\*Apostles’ Creed***

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

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody

### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

“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***

*“For All the Saints”*

v. 1,2,6 # 529

***Giving of our Tithes and Offerings***

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

***Offertory***

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

***\*Call to Offering***

***\*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***

***\*Charge***

*Philippians 4:4-9*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

***\*Benediction***

***Recessional***

*“Amazing Grace”*  
Gary Reinstrom  
*Pipe Major*

arr. by Rick Nichols

Everyone is invited to join us in Pfrangle Hall for a celebration luncheon.

**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, Rich Borsmann, Dave Bremer, Shirley Cullom, Muriel Hall, Beverly Jones and Candy Reid.

**FPC – Family/ Friends:** Shelia Howard Adams, Myrtice Beck, Amanda Fitzgerald, Tripp Johnson, Sheerynne Iverson, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jacquelyn Lopez, Keith Markey, Jim Reinhart, Elinor Scott, Bob & Pam Simmons, Bob Smith & Family, Sue Ellen Smith, Donna Stakey, Jerry Tedrow, Angie Waters, and Margaret White ((Mitzie's mom). The family of Allan Burtscher.

**Military List:** Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; and CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees.

### **Session**

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

2024: Tyler Maassen, Mitzie McGavic, Sue Maassen, MaryAnn Treadwell

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

### **Elder Emeritus**

*David Holloman*

## Look what's coming.....

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	9:45 Handbell Practice 10:30 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship Service 125th Birthday 12:00 Luncheon/Pfrangle Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	10:15 Bill's Paper Angel's distribution
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	12:00 Brown bag lunch bible study 12:30 Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sep 01</b>	12:30 Men's Luncheon Reef & Beef
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sep 03</b>	10:30 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship Service

## **Church Information**

Attendance last Sunday:	29	Viewed on Facebook:	68
Offering last Sunday:	\$ 2,852.50	Year to Date:	<b>\$ 115,332.32</b>

## **Church Directory**

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## **Church Office hours**

Monday-Friday 9 am to 3:00 pm

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

Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen