

# ***E-Blast News***

***January 11, 2026 – January 18, 2026***

## **Dear Gathering of the Saints-**

As this week passes, we move from the Season of Christmas to the 4–9-week Season of Epiphany. In it, Jesus is shown to be the divine Son of God.

I have to confess that somehow in my growing up years I missed it's celebration - even though I didn't miss church. It addresses a challenging part of our theology. How is Jesus both fully divine and fully human at the same time? What does Jesus' divinity mean for us? What does Jesus' humanity mean to us?

This year Epiphany starts on January 6th. It celebrates Jesus' baptism by John and runs through Ash Wednesday on February 8, 2026.

In this season we encounter the implications of Jesus' Baptism by John. It lasts this year until the Transfiguration and Ash Wednesday.

This year I want to focus on the 'both and' nature of Jesus - divine and human. it has been a contentious belief at certain points throughout the history of the church. But the question is what does it mean for us?

We will begin to explore the answers this coming Sunday.

**Yours in Christ,**

*Will*

## *A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*

Treasurer

## *Per Capita request*



The Session is requesting each congregational member consider giving their fair share of the Presbytery's per Capita cost this year. What that covers is the Presbytery's expense to govern and provide missions to congregations in their Presbytery.

In years past it was mandatory from each church based on church membership numbers, but in recent years it has been voluntary. The cost this year is **\$13.00** per member.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews marked *Per Capita*. Please feel free to use them or if writing a check write Per Capita in the message portion. Please place the envelope in the offering plate.

## *Card-making class*

Our first card making class of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00 am in the office duplex. Our first class was a big success, and I am hoping for another fun-filled class.

In order for me to make sure that I have supplies for everyone, it is necessary for you to **let me know if you plan to attend, no later than Friday, January 16**. Please call me at 558-2155 or text me at this number to make your reservation.

After our card class, those who wish to join us for lunch at MyShelly's may do so.

*Edith Wildt*

## *Church Prayer List*

### **FPC MEMBERS:**

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

### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, 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, Margaret White, Debbie Webb and Laurie York.

### **MILITARY LIST:**

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.  
CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Sea

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 11</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	12:30 Bible study <b>No Choir or Handbells.</b> <b>NOTE: Regular practice will resume Jan. 21 with Handbells at 3 pm and Choir at 4 pm.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>	12:30 Men's luncheon at Beef O' Brady's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Collection 4 Needy

## *Contact information*

### ***Homebound members' addresses***

*For those sending cards...*

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747, Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Frank & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

### ***Military***

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA
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## *Missions at work*

### **Bill's Paper Angels**

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**February 1 (next collection date)    January 26 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: plastic toothbrush holders any size and sanitary napkins**

### Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date**

**January 18**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

## *Celebrations*



### *January birthdays*

Jan. 7- Addison Gill

Jan. 14- Becky Delahunty

Jan. 18- Polly Land

## ***Church Information***

### **Attendance/Offering**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 32**

**Via Facebook: 18**

Offering: \$2,895.00

Year to Date: **\$2,895.00**

### **Contact information**

First Presbyterian Church  
20 N. Orange Ave.  
Arcadia, FL 34266

Rev. Dr. Will Browne  
941-928-7504  
863-494-4434

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Closed 12-1 for lunch

### **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

### **Catch us on Facebook**

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church) we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

1. Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.