

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...

Sunday	Jan. 11	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Jan. 14	12:30 Bible study No Choir or Handbells. NOTE: Regular practice will resume Jan. 21 with Handbells at 3 pm and Choir at 4 pm.
Friday	Jan. 16	12:30 Men's luncheon at Beef O' Brady's
Sunday	Jan. 18	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 1st 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 3rd 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 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
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.