



*Organized August 28, 1898*

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

***December 21, 2025***

***Fourth Sunday in Advent***

***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**

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Choral Introit*

*Prelude*

*"Hark the Glad Sound"*  
Organist Mike Cooley

arr. by Tom Birchwood

*Chimes*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 44:7-8

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

The First Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Hope.

The Second Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Peace.

On this Third Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Joy.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Love.

**\*Hymn:**

*"Joy to the World!"*

**#179**

*Call to Confession*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Confession*      **(unison)**

With love, O God, you have called us the "children of God" and have called u

to a life of obedient joy and grateful service. Forgive us for our sin in which we are neither obedient nor joyful. Forgive us when we turn from your love. Forgive us when we do not live with gratitude and when we fail to serve others as you have served us. Remake us in Christ's image, for we ask it in his name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloría 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:* Psalm 24 Elder Mitzie McGavic

*Anthem:* “Go Tell It on the Mountain” arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

*Second Lesson:* Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

## Prayer of Illumination

*Sermon* "Only a Dream"

*\*Apostles' Creed* Elder Mitzie McGavic

**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:* "Silent Night!, Holy Night!" #186

### *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:***

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**#185**

***\*Charge & Benediction***

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

***\*Choral Benediction***

***Postlude***

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. by Edward Broughton*

Organist 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

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

**Sunday      Dec. 21**      9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service  
Ctr. 4 the Needy collection

**Wednesday Dec. 24**      **6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Sunday      Dec. 28**      9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service

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

## *Church Information*

Attendance last Sunday: 28

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 12/7/25– \$4,505.00  
12/14/25- \$4,030.00

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

## *Church Directory*

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## *Church Office*

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

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar