



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

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 of Preparation

God of all the ages, make us real or make us nothing. As we sing “Hosanna!” bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death and to learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us to bear witness, that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20)

Elder Mitzie McGavic

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

Come let us worship God.

**Processional Hymn:*

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#265

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, we will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

**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.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118:22-29

Elder Mitzie McGavic

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem: "Come, Come with Shouting" words by J. Paul Williams
Chancel Choir music by Douglas Nolan

Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:1-11 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Much Joy and Loud Shouts"

**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:* "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #267

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”

Celebration of Generosity

#34

**Doxology*

***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*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

**Hymn:*

“In the Cross of Christ, I Glory”

#264

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Organist Lew Cassels

***Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.
Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway.***

***Thank you to Kim and Debi Halvorson
for the palm fronds in the sanctuary today.***

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: family of Robert Adams, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Jackie Harris, Vivien Lyszak, MaryAnn Treadwell and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Barbara Bennett, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Raedell Coogler, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Gina Green, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Tom & Sue Morgan, Kenny O’Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Sharon Shatney, Bob & Pam Simmons, Emmie Titus, 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

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

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

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Mar. 29	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Apr. 1	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Thursday	Apr. 2	6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	Apr. 3	Good Friday
Sunday	Apr. 5	9:45 No Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 10:45 Decorating the Cross 11:15 Easter Worship Service
Monday	Apr. 6	Office Closed 10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution

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 Mitzie McGavic.

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 31

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 3-22-26- \$ 1750.00

Year to Date: **38,007.27**

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

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar