



*Organized August 28, 1898*

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**April 2, 2026**

## *Maundy Thursday Communion Service*

***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*

Christ of the bread and the cup, of now and eternity, we turn to You, solemn and quiet. Help us to hear Your words anew: 'this is my body broken for You' so that the grip of fear and despair may be broken and a new dawn may begin. When we do not understand, help us to believe that your story may become our story, in which all people are freed and loved. Amen.

*Choral Introit*

*Welcome & Announcements*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

*Prelude*

Organist Lew Cassels

*Chimes*

*\*Hymn:*

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

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*Call to Confession*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Confession*                      *(unison)*

**Humble Savior, Your words to us were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unflinchingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us.**

**Cover us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways.**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

...Even now, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*\*Gloria Patria*

“Glory be to the Father”

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**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 116:1-2, 13-17, 19

Elder Mitzie McGavic

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications

**We love the LORD, because he has heard our voice and my supplications.**

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**Because he inclined his ear to us, therefore we will call on him as long as we live.**

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant;

**O LORD, we are your servants;**

I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

**We are your servants, the children of your serving girl.**

You have loosed my bonds.

**You have loosed our bonds.**

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice

**We will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice**

and call on the name of the LORD.

**And call on the name of the LORD.**

Praise the LORD!

*Second Lesson:*

John 13:1-17

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Elder Dave Bremer & Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Meditation*

“Disciples, Love One Another”

*\*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.

*Third Lesson:*

John 13:21-35

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Elder Dave Bremer & Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Meditation*

“If You Love One Another”

*\*Hymn:*

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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# *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

## *Invitation To The Lord's Table*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

...Always, your love has been steadfast.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

.....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”**

## *Words of Institution*

## *Distribution of the Elements*

*Prayer after Communion*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of Your Gracious Holy Spirit, that we may show forth Your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Celebration of Generosity*

*\*Doxology*

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**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:*

*"Lead Me To Calvary"*

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*\*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 .***

**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, 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

## *Church Information*

Attendance last Sunday:

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering:

Year to Date: **\$30,924.00**

## *Church Directory*

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