

E-Blast News

January 25, 2026 – February 1, 2026

Dear Gathering of FPC Arcadia,

Thanks to the ordination/installation of a new class of elders, Session was able to move forward in our ministry as a congregation. We met as a Session on Monday the 19th. Our first item of business was a visit from the representative of the Red Cross. He invited us to consider volunteering our church space to be used as a temporary emergency shelter. This would be for a very short time frame. The Red Cross would provide everything but the space, including the volunteer staff to run it while people are there. We will examine all the paperwork and then make a decision at a future meeting about whether we would offer our space.

This reminded me that we have a number of other caring ministries of this church. We run Bill's Paper Angels and support the Center for the Needy, Samaritan's Purse, Arcadia Main Street and Mission Peniel.

Our scripture for this Sunday is the story in Matthew where Jesus calls Andrew and Simon Peter, James and John to follow him to serve the people with the gospel. It is good that we follow Jesus in caring for our neighbors.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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.

Save the Date!

The annual Congregational /Corporation meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2026. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The meeting will highlight the previous year's activities, answer questions, and look to the future for First Arcadia.

Card Making Class



Twelve people attended the second meeting of the Card Class this past Tuesday. The duplex was full.

Attendees made two cards, a general card for either a birthday, get-well card, thinking of you, or thank you. The second card was a Valentine card.

What fun visiting and laughing!

After Card Class adjourned, all went to MyShelley's for lunch.

Our next class will be on the Third Tuesday in February, 17.

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. 25	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	Jan. 26	10:30-12:00 Paper Angel distribution
Wednesday	Jan. 28	12:30 Bible study 3:00 p.m. Handbells practice

		4:00 p.m. Choir practice
Friday	Jan. 23	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	Feb. 3	9:45 Adult Sunday school
		10:30 Choir practice
		11:15 Worship Service
		11:15 Paper Angel collection

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: February 15

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



February birthdays

Feb. 6- Leslie Hale

Feb. 13- Mary Pete Martin

Feb. 15- Brennen Fender

Feb. 15- Jan LoPorto

Feb. 18- Susan Head

Feb. 22- LeAnne Maassen

Feb. 23- Kathy Tanner

Feb. 24- T.C. Thomas

Feb. 27- Adalyn Knoche

Feb. 28- Nicole M. Jiskoot

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 40

Via Facebook: 34

Offering: 1-11-26 \$4,742.00

Year to Date: **\$10,157.00**

1-18-26 \$2,520.00

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

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

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.

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1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.