



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

(Silent prayer)

God our Shepherd, You are our safe place, our shelter, our ground, our breath. We turn to You in hope and trust, knowing we have come this far by faith, and You will guide us all the way. Mold our daily patterns for Your purposes so that we may live as one heart and mind with You and our neighbors, rejoicing together and praising Your holy name, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Marlou Zolkos

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn:**

"O Worship the King"

#02

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

God of community, You call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “Yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust You. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in Your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

Assurance of Pardon

...by His wounds we have been healed.

For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!

**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

Isaiah 40:1-4a

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Anthem:

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”

words & music by

Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation

“The Good News in which We Stand”

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

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:*

"For the Beauty of the Earth" v 1,5

#40

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Let us 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*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

**Hymn:*

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#14

**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.***

Save the date

On May 14 First Arcadia will host Peace River Presbytery's meeting. Please mark your calendars . We will be seeking lots of help. Please plan to help as the 37 churches in our Presbytery come together. See the Eblast for more details.

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, family of Ron Overcash, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Raedell Coogler, Mary Dow, Gina Green, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, David Kersey, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Sharon Shatney, and Tina Turzio.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, 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

Look what's coming...

Sunday **Apr. 26** 9:45 Sunday school
10:30 Choir practice
11:15 Worship Service

Wednesday **Apr. 29** 12:30 Bible study

Friday **Apr. 24** 12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef

Sunday **May 3** 9:45 Sunday school
10:30 Choir practice
11:15 Worship Service
Bill's Paper Angel Collection

Monday **May 4** 10:30 Bill's Paper Angel Distribution

Thursday **May 14** 7:30 Presbytery meeting

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: 29
Offering: 4-19-26- \$ 2,745.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18
Year to Date: **52,643.27**

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