

E-Blast News

July 5, 2026– July 12, 2026

Dear Saints,

This Sunday is the Sunday closest to the 250th, July 4th holiday. I remember that at the nation's Bicentennial we said, "The 200 birthday of the church on a Sunday comes very rarely!" In fact, of course, it came only once!!

I was still in my first year of ministry and now 50 years later, and thanks to your kindness, I am still in ministry. We can't quite say 'the 250th comes on a Sunday rarely,' - but it came close. Saturday was the 250th! We have a great opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to God for all the gifts of the divine we have received these last 250 years. We know we were founded in grace, and proceeded in grace and grew in grace and stumbled in grace and stood for freedom in grace and pray that all our future years might also be years of God's grace for us.

To be who we are and to remember how we got here means remembering that God's grace is not our possession but God's gift to be given by God whenever and to whomever God chooses. We are a unique people in the blessings we have received but all other peoples are unique in the blessings from God that they have received.

Let us thank God for the grace received and the freedom to enjoy it.

Yours in Christ's service,

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Help us celebrate

This Sunday, July 5, 2026 First Arcadia will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country during morning worship. Don't let the fact the actual anniversary was the day before concern you, **please** wear something in red, white, or blue **or** all of those colors. We'll be singing patriotic songs that you know.

OR think really outside the box and **dress in** something that colonists would have worn during that time. Let's enjoy the moment !

Men's fashions- breeches



tricorn hats
walking stick
white stockings

Women's— loose shawl

bonnet
apron
long dress



Regardless of your choice or dress, please come join us as we celebrate America 250!!

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

Look what's coming...

Sunday	July 5	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angel collection
Monday	July 6	Office Closed
Wednesday	July 8	12:30 Bible study
Friday		No Men's luncheon during summer will resume in September.
Sunday	July 12	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 Mitzie McGavic

Contact Information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Skip & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306
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Church Prayer List

FPC - MEMBERS: Jean Borsmann, Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris Jackie Harris, and the family of Marilyn Stander.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, David Kersey, Lisa Letson, Julie & Amanda Nunez and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Gina Green, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, 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

Missions At Work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Aug. 2 (next collection date) Aug. 10 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: July 19

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.

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance: 6-21-26- 32; 6-28-26- 37

Offering: 6-21-26– \$1,020.00; 6-28-26- \$2,825.05

Viewed on Facebook:18

Year to Date: **\$72,769.32**

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

Type in www.firstpc.church

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.

Celebrations



July birthdays

July 1—Clair Cribbs

July 4– Nancy Adams

July 8– Jim Campbell

July 19—Debi Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

July 24—Debi Halvorson