



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Choral Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude

*“Bound for My Father’s Home” Traditional Southern hymn
Organist Mike Cooley*

Chimes

Call to Worship

Elder Mitzie McGavic

We rejoice in your strength, O Lord.

In your salvation shall we greatly rejoice!

We have asked life of you, and you have given us life,

Even life eternal.

You have blessed us forever and made us

Glad to stand within your presence.

May you be exalted, O Lord, in all your strength

So then we sing and praise your power

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**Hymn:*

“ When Morning Gilds the Sky”

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Great God our Father: you have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love.

Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your word to nations, and tell your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In the name of Jesus Christ 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.**

Scripture Lesson: (litany from Genesis 1, John I, and Revelation 21)

Elder Mitzie McGavic, Nancy Adams, Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Anthem:

“The Light of Christmas”
Chancel Choir

arr. Joey Raney

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Let the Light of Christmas Shine In You”

**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:*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Communion Prayer

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit.

To give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

**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*

**Hymn:*

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

***“Praise to the Lord the Almighty ”
Mike Cooley***

arr. Jane Mansfield

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

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, Vivien Lyszak, MaryAnn Treadwell , and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, 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, 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

2025: Dave Bremer, Jill Maassen, Mac Martin, Terry Presson

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

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

Look what's coming...

Sunday **Jan. 4** 9:45 Adult Sunday school
10:30 Choir practice
11:15 Worship Service
Communion
Paper Angels collection

Wednesday **Jan. 7** 12:30 Bible study
No choir or handbells

Friday **Jan. 9** 12:30 Men's luncheon at Beef O' Brady's

Sunday **Jan. 11** 9:45 Adult Sunday school
10:30 Choir practice
11:15 Worship Service
**Taking down Christmas decoration in sanctuary following
the 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 Jill Maassen

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 43

Viewed on Facebook: 25

Offering: 12/21/2025 - \$2890.00

Year to Date: **\$203,203.92**

12/28/2025- \$17,551.00

Church Directory

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Church Office

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Pastor – Dr. Will Browne: cell phone (941) 928-7504

Clerk of Session – Elder Jill Maassen

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar