



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

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

God of living water, amid all that parches our souls and drains our hearts of joy, we pray for refreshment and renewal. Fill us with your Holy Spirit until our delight overflows into praise and we cannot contain ourselves, running to tell your good news, alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Lenten Prayer

(church of Scotland)

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Lord God, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other,
instil in us, and in all your people,
discernment to see what is right;
courage to do what is right.

Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,
and preserve us, body, mind, and soul,
Through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Hymn:*

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

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Call to Confession

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.

Assurance of Pardon

...Hear and believe this good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new!

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.

Anthem:

“Lord, Be with Us on This Day”

arr. Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson:

John 4:5-42

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

**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:*

“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

#446

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

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**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*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

**Hymn:*

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee“

#589

**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, 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, 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, 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

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

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Mar. 8	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Mar. 11	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Friday	Mar. 13	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Saturday	Mar. 13	2-5 Art Show in Parking Lot
Sunday	Mar. 15	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Collection 4 Needy

Reminder: Get ready for Mr. Rogers' Day, Sunday, March 22nd. Consider wearing your cardigan, tie and/or tennis shoes

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 McGavie.

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 31

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 3-1-26- \$2305.00

Year to Date: **\$33,229.00**

Church Directory

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Church Office

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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