



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

(from Psalm 138) (silent prayer)

O Lord, we give you thanks as we sing your praise for your steadfast love and faithfulness. We exalt your name and your word for you answered us when we called. We pray that you would not forsake the work of your hands.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Jill Maassen

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Jill Maassen

Let First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia say,

If the Lord had not been on our side, where would we be?

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth!

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn:**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#111

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear the power loose in this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If God was not on our side,
 we could not stand in the judgment.
But God is with us, steadfast and faithful,
 So we seek our redemption in God's presence.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
 Thanks be to God!

**Gloria Patri* "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 Romans 12:1-8 Elder Jill Maassen

Special Music Ellie Sutphin, flute
Lew Cassels, piano

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16:13-20 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Words of Goodness - Squared”

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Jill Maassen

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:*

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#480

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:*

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

**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: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Sally McSwain, family of Linda Sue Marsh, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and Cindy Trawick.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, 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 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	August 23	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	August 24	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels
Wednesday	August 26	12:30 Bible study
Friday		No Men's luncheon Will resume in September.
Sunday	August 30	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.

Church Information

Attendance: 26
Offering: 08-09-26-\$4,370.00

Viewed on Facebook:18
Year to Date: **\$96,817.44**

Church Directory

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Church Office

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Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar