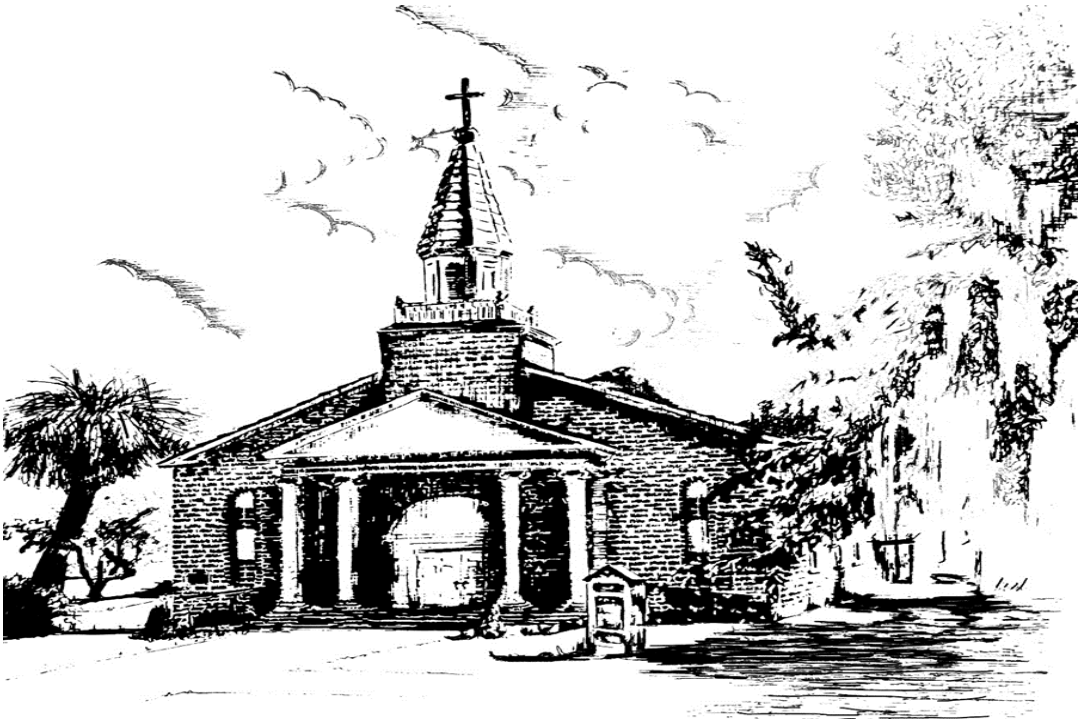


Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

November 15, 2026

Twenty-Fifth 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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost *November 15, 2026*

***Please stand if able** **bold=unison**

Prayer of Preparation (Silent prayer)

Spirit of power, you call us to be your children of light. Wake us up and prepare us for all that is coming. Clothe us with your faithfulness and love. Wrap us with your hope and salvation. Bind us together with your wisdom and strength. Encourage us and build us up, that we might do the same for others you love as much as you love us. Amen.

Music in this service is prerecorded

Choral Introit **(Congregation *is invited to join in*)**

Welcome & Announcements Elder Jill Maassen

Prelude *"Built on the Rock"* *arr. Lani Smith*

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call To Worship Elder Jill Maassen

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
And we are your good and faithful servants.

*Hymn: *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* **#466**

Call to Confession Elder Jill Maassen

Prayer of Confession ***(unison)***

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge. Yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given us. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God has not destined us for wrath,
God has destined us for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
And Christ died for us
so that whether we are awake or asleep
we may live with him.
Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!

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 Psalm 123 Elder Jill Maassen

Anthem *"Peace Like a River"* arr. Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon " When We Receive Mercy"

**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:* *"God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand"* **#728

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

***Doxology** **#34**

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:** *"Lead on, O King Eternal"* **#508**

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude *"To God Be the Glory"* arr. Peter Burkhardt
Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway .

A Congregational meeting to elect new Elders

is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29

(immediately following the morning worship service)

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, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Josselyn Lopez, Thomas & Jane Mooney, Amanda Nunez, and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, Bjorn Jiskoot, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, 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	**November 15**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Ctr. 4 Needy
Monday	**November 16**	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels 5:30 Session meeting Thanksgiving basket deadline
Wednesday	**November 18**	12:30 Bible study
Friday	**November 20**	12:30 Men's Luncheon at MyShelley's
Sunday	**November 22**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Decorate Sanctuary
Monday	**November 23**	9-12 Distribute baskets
Sunday	**November 29**	Congregational meeting following worship service
Friday	**December 18**	Poinsettias order deadline

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** Viewed on Facebook:**10**
Offering: 11-8-26 - **$ $6,655.00** Year to Date: **$132,469.44**

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Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist –

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar