



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 *(Congregation is invited to join in)*

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude *"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"* arr. Paul Harris
Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call to Worship from Psalm 27 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.

We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.

We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.

We humble ourselves before the God of all worlds.

We gather to remember God's commandments.

We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imports.

The wisdom of God is not like any other.

It draws us away from the world's agenda.

God sends us into the world with new priorities.

We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.

We are filled with the mind of Christ.

We are already citizens of God's realm.

Let us worship God.

**Hymn:*

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#71

Call to Confession

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O God, you call out to us, saying, "Here I am," but we do not listen. You pour out on us spiritual gifts. But we do not discern them. You call us to build a more just society, but we cling to our advantages. Forgive us, we pray, and help us change.

Help us so to know and understand Jesus Christ that we might reflect the God of glory in our daily living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 112:1-9

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Special Music:

Handbell Choir

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“The Bright Light of Righteousness”

**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:*

“He Leadeth Me”

#499

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*

#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*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

**Hymn:*

“For the Healing of the Nations”

#621

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

arr. Humphrey Turner

Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway .

*The annual Congregational/ Corporation meeting will
follow the morning worship service on February 15, 2026.*

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 Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, 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, 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

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 (S(o)uper Bowl)	Feb. 8	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	Feb. 9	10:30-12:00 Paper Angel distribution
Wednesday	Feb. 11	12:30 Bible study 3:00 p.m. Handbells practice 4:00 p.m. Choir practice
Friday	Feb. 13	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	Feb. 15	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Paper Angel collection 11:15 Annual Congregational/ Corporation meeting 11:15 Collection 4 Needy

FPC's celebration of Shrove Tuesday will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026** from 5-7 p.m. in Pfrangle Hall.

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 last Sunday: 27

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 02-1-26 4,645.00

Year to Date: **\$20,571.00**

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 – Mike Cooley

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar