



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

***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

Prelude

“ People Look East”
Organist Mike Cooley

arr. by Stephen Aber

Chimes

Prayer of Advent Preparation

Elder Jackie Harris

On this First Sunday of Advent, we give you thanks, O God, for a new year in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts, in our homes, and at the church as a community of faith. Enter into our hearts anew. Help us prepare for the arrival of our savior the Christ child. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer over the Candle of Hope

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Today we begin our Advent journey to Bethlehem. As we wait and prepare for the arrival of Jesus Christ, we light this candle of **Hope**.

Jesus is the hope of the world. Jesus is our light and our savior.

Let us pray: Dear God, we thank you for the loving kindness you have given us in the past. In that love, help us find hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Elder Jackie Harris

Awaken to a season of anticipation.

God is offering peace within and among us.

How good it is to gather in God's house.

God draws us together for this time of worship.

God calls us to celebrate our diversity
Differences shall no longer divide us.

We want to see one another through God's eyes.

We will look for the good in our neighbors.

Seek the highs and best for each other.

Come to the mountains of God's love.

We will follow in the paths where God leads.

Our ears are open to hear God's instruction.

Let us worship God.

**Hymn:*

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of night and day, there is no shadow that conceals our sin from you.
Forgive us when sinned against you and against our neighbors. O God, forgive
us our sins, renew us to love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor
and glory to your name through Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this grace in
Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe this good news!

In 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

First Lesson:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Elder Jackie Harris

Anthem:

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
Chancel Choir

arr. Don Tyler

Second Lesson:

Romans 13:7-14

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Going Up the Mountain”

**Apostles’ Creed*

Elder Jackie Harris

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:*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

.....Let us as we pray as Jesus taught us,

“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

Elder Jackie Harris

****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***

****Hymn:*** “ Good Christian Friends, Rejoice“ **# 198**

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

Postlude “When the Saints in Glory Shining arr. by Edward Broughton
Organist Mike Cooley

***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, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, 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, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, ,Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, 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	Nov. 30	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	Dec.1	10:30 Paper Angels distribution
Wednesday	Dec. 3	No Bible Study/Duplex
Friday	Dec. 5	No Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Dec. 7	Paper Angels collection Second Sunday in Advent Sunday of Joy

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: 29

Viewed on Facebook: 15

Offering last Sunday:

Year to Date: **\$170,257.92**

Church Directory

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley