

E-Blast News

March 15, 2026– March 22, 2026

Dear Saints of FPC,

We are coming up on the 4th Sunday of Lent 2026.

Our first scripture lesson will be the version of the hymn of the 23rd Psalm from the old Scottish Psalter. It is a beautiful hymn and helps us listen to the Psalm in a new way.

The second scripture is the 5th chapter the Gospel according to John - one story one chapter Of 41 verses.

This year I am amazed at John's stories. We will have had three significant stories from John by the time we are finished.

The story this Sunday helps us listen to and empathize with people who are very different from us. There is the foreign woman who rejoices to receive Jesus' words. There is the upper crust Nicodemus who is deeply conflicted in his desire to meet Jesus. There is the woman at the well who was from a different culture and background, and there is the man born blind who struggles with the people who think he must have done something terrible to be born blind.

They each struggle in their own way. They each have an opportunity for change. These are deeply human stories with people who could be our neighbors... or ourselves.

Come and explore the third story this Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

Will

A treasurer's request

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

Edward, Treasurer

Mr. Rogers' day set in March

When one thinks of someone who epitomizes a good neighbor, **Fred McFeely Rogers** automatically comes to mind.

Rogers a Presbyterian minister, musician, and author, was a kind gentle soul who spent most of his life helping children learn about their emotions and physical concerns such as divorce, hunger, hurt, siblings, and death.

His iconic show *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* ran for 33 years. Thousands of children grew up trusting and watching him.

Although Rogers' actual birthday is March 20, on **Sunday, March 22**, our church will again recognize **Fred Rogers' birthday** and celebrate



his lifetime of being a good and loving neighbor to all. On Sunday please consider honoring Mr. Rogers by wearing a cardigan, and/or tie, and/ or tennis shoes to church on the 22nd.

As part of this celebration, we will collect children's books to donate to the local library. They don't have to be brand new. They can be lovingly used.

Please try to make the books appropriate for children ages 5 months to 10 years. Bring your donations to church and leave them in the basket in the narthex. You can also bring the books by the church office.

Ellen Davis' life celebration

The celebration of life for Ellen Davis will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 2-5 P.M. at Arcadia Village. Her son Richard emphasized that everyone is invited. Her family will be there. At the celebration a slide show of her life will be shown. Food will be available.

Please send cards

Our former pastor, Ted Land, recently had knee surgery and is presently in a rehab facility in Marianna, FL where he and Polly live. Unfortunately, he has a staph infection and will need to have IV Antibiotic treatment twice daily.

Listed below is Ted and Polly's mailing address. He would greatly enjoy hearing from you all.

Ted & Polly Land
3618 Greenfield Dr.
Marianna, FL 32446

Card making class

The card making class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church duplex on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Instead of making cards this time, we will be making book marks to go in the pews. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Edith Wildt at 863-558-2155 or see her after church this coming Sunday, March 15th. After class, those interested, are welcome to join us for lunch at Myshelley's.

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, Raedell Coogler, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, family of Frank Gready, 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.

Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Sea

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Mar. 15	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Collection 4 Needy
Monday	Mar. 16	10:30 Bill's Paper Angel distribution 5:30 Session meeting
Tuesday	Mar. 17	10:00 Card making Class Saint Patrick's Day
Wednesday	Mar. 18	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Friday	Mar. 20	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Fred Rogers' Day

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

Contact Information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747, Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Frank & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306
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Missions At Work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

April 5 (next collection date) March 16 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic toothbrush holders any size and sanitary napkins

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: March 15

NOTE: You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

Celebrations



March birthdays

Mar. 2– Jeff Adams

Mar. 5– Jean Borsmann

Mar. 9– Carol Treadwell

Mar. 15– Cayiden Gill

Mar. 18– Ellie Sutphin

Mar. 27– JoAnna Hewitt

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance last Sunday: 36

Offering: 3-8-26- \$2,935.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Year to Date: **\$36,164.00**

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

Catch us on Facebook

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website www.firstpc.church we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

Type in www.firstpc.church

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.