



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

September 28, 2025

16th 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

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you and one another with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Choral Introit

Prelude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Welcome, Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Call to Worship *150 -NRSV*

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hands.

O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, 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

Anthem

First Lesson

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Second Lesson

John 1:1-5a, 10-14, 16-18

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“When the Word Speaks the Word ”

**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

Recognition of the graduation of Remy Jones

**Hymn:*

“For the Healing of the Nations ”

621

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Now hear us as we pray together,

“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

**Service 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*

**Hymn:*

“ O Christians, Haste”

565

**Charge and Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Selected

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, The family of Ellen Davis, Brian & Jackie Harris, MaryAnn Treadwell , and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Wayne & Judy Onofri, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, 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	Sept. 28	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Sept. 30	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell practice 4:00 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Oct. 3	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Oct. 7	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection for Paper Angels

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Pastor Will Browne or Clerk of Session Jill Maassen

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday:

Viewed on Facebook:

Offering last Sunday: \$

Year to Date: **\$132,148.62**

Church Directory

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Church Office

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Pastor – Dr. Will Browne: cell phone (941) 928-7504

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley