

E-Blast News

November 30, 2025 – December 7, 2025

Dear Saints,

We are back to my favorite time of the year - Advent / Christmas / Epiphany! With this coming Sunday we are back to celebrating God's gift of the incarnated Jesus. We are back to connecting and re-connecting with people that have always meant a lot to us and people who are newly important to us and whole groups of people we have yet to meet. The 'Sound of Music' reminds us of "a few of our favorite things - only as I have grown older it is not the things that matter but the joyful awareness of God's presence, God's love and God's grace.

I love that people who have little conception of the incarnation yet feel the joy of the season. I love the Christmas elevator music and Christmas movies and Christmas pageants and Christmas food? I especially love being in the church where the media and the message are not headed in differing directions.

This first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of hope and I hope hope attends you everyday of advent in everyplace you are.

Hope be with you! In Christ's name. Amen

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FYI starting this Sunday

We can finally use our own driveway! Yes, the entrance off of Hickory is now open. Workers opened it yesterday. This is thanks to Jeff Adams.



Love, Iyla

*Wishing
everyone
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Thanksgiving tip

Don't forget to set your bathroom scales back **15 pounds** Wednesday for Thanksgiving. It can stay that way until New Year's.

Christmas Joy offering

A Presbyterian goal is to assist church workers and their families in their time of critical, financial need and to assist students to open doors for opportunity.

Through the Christmas Joy offering, we honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers, and critical financial need. We like students in schools and



their families who now find themselves in honor and celebrate emerging leaders colleges as they pursue their education. service is when this offering is taken, but

The Christmas Eve you can give any time. Look for the envelopes in the pews or take one of the brown envelopes in the pews and label the outside "Christmas Joy offering".

Mission Peniel Christmas Shoes

Mission Peniel has long been a mission this church has supported. We usually purchase toys/ clothes for young children. This year we've been asked to get a pair of shoes/socks for various aged children.

The Mission Peniel Angel Tree with 20 tags will be placed in the narthex beginning this Sunday. Each tag gives the gender, age and size needed. Please visit the tree and make your selection(s). After you've shopped, don't wrap the shoes/socks! Simply by **Dec. 7** bring them to the church. Attach the tag to the shoes/socks and drop them in the clear contain the narthex by **December 7**.

Per Capita request



The Session is requesting each congregational member consider giving their fair share of the Presbytery's per Capita cost this year. What that covers is the Presbytery's expense to govern and provide missions to congregations in their Presbytery.

In years past it was mandatory from each church based on church membership numbers, but in recent years it has been voluntary. The cost this year is **\$13.00** per member.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews marked *Per Capita*. Please feel free to use them or if writing a check write Per Capita in the message portion. Please place the envelope in the offering plate.

Poinsettias order form



POINSETTIA

ORDER FORM

Order early!!



The annual tradition of placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas is here.
The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$7.50 each.

December 12th - Poinsettias placed in sanctuary

December 19th - Deadline for ordering poinsettias to appear in bulletin

December 24th - Poinsettias may be picked up following Christmas Eve service.

Order forms and/ or donations may be dropped in the offering plates on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Your Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Plant(s) to be placed in memory or in honor of (please circle one):

Number of plants @\$7.50 _____ Amount due \$ _____

*****Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church**

Operation Christmas Child

Under the direction of Franklin Graham, Operation Christmas Child is just one of the missions Samaritan's Purse International Relief sponsors.

Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Samaritan's Purse also mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters in the United States. They often stay behind after the initial response to rebuild or restore houses for needy families

The Session in their Monday meeting decided to donate to Operation Christmas Child this year. We have in the past filled shoe boxes, but with National Collection Week this week from November 17-24, the session decided to ask the congregation for monetary donations to this worthy mission.

Donation envelopes have been placed in the pews. If you donate by check, please put Operation Christmas Child in the message section. If you donate by cash, please be sure to put your name on the outside of the envelope.

Your donations will make a difference during this season.

Invitation to a shower

All ladies are invited to attend Rebecca Harris-Browning's baby shower in Pfrangle Hall on Saturday, December 13th, 2025 at 10am.

Rebecca is registered on Amazon. The link is

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/rebecca-browning-february-2026-arcadia/16Y5R05SXI4HX>

Send a card to Vivien Liszak

While on her way home from trick or treating on Halloween night , Vivien Liszak was hit by a truck. One of her legs was crushed and the ankle on her other leg was broken. Vivien is at home, but would really enjoy some cards. Please consider sending this young lady a card to cheer her in her recovery.

Her address is 225 Seasons St., Pt. Charlotte, FL 33953.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaime Adams, Diane Brantley, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele 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.
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.
CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

Eblast requests

Please turn in requests for inclusion in the EBlast by Wednesday of the week you want it to appear. We want to include your requests.

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

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
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Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

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

December 7 (next collection date) December 1 (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

December 21

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



December birthdays

Dec. 8 Judy Bremer

Dec. 20 Donnie Knoche

Dec. 9 Hmingi Browne

Dec. 26 Robb Adams

Dec. 11 JoAnna Burtscher

Dec, 15 Lindsay Knoche

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 29

Via Facebook: 15

Offering Last Sunday:

Year to Date: \$170,257.92

Contact information

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20 N. Orange Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

Rev. Dr. Will Browne
941-928-7504
863-494-4434

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Closed 12-1 for lunch

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

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

1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.