

E-Blast News

November 9, 2025 – November 16, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

This is one of those Sundays ministers dream about - a multi-generational baptism and joining of the church.

Hailey Ann Biddle is being baptized along with her daughter lyla Ann Thomas. As a part of the baptisms Travis Calvin Thomas - previously baptized as a child in this church - will become a member along with Hailey, his wife.

I am grateful for God's grace that brings this marvelous thing (see Psalm 29) to happen. I am also grateful to Travis' grandmother, Cherie Thomas who helped all of this happen. A family more strongly connected and a congregation joyful in growth. Thanks be to God!

We hope you will make every effort to attend and will join us for the coffee hour afterwards.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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Celebration of Baptism and Membership

During the Sunday worship service, we will baptize Hailey Biddle and infant daughter lyla Thomas. lyla's father Travis Thomas was baptized as an infant in our church. Additionally, we will receive into membership Travis Thomas and Hailey Biddle making them a third generational addition to our church family.

Please plan to attend this special occasion in the life of our church.

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 their families who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges as they pursue their education.

The Christmas Eve service is when this offering is taken, but 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".

Card-making class

If you enjoy crafting & fellowship with friends, mark your calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 10 am, when we will be having a card-making class in the church office. For those who are interested, we will go to lunch after class at MyShelly's restaurant.

During the class each person will be able to make 2 cards, a fall/Thanksgiving card and a Christmas card. I will have the needed items for each card in packets, so it will be easy to stay organized. I will also give you directions as to how to put the cards together.

If you are planning to attend the card-making class, I need you to call or text me (863-558-2155) no later than Friday, Nov. 14th, so I will have time to make up the packets.

I look forward to a morning of fun, and hope we have a good turnout.

Sincerely,

Edie Wildt

EBlast requests

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

Thanksgiving Baskets



Please help us help those in need.

Each family will receive a **\$25 gift card** for a turkey/ham/ pie of choice

**Nov 2: 1-2 boxes of each: Stuffing mix, Instant Potatoes
1-2 cans of Sweet Potatoes**

**Nov. 9: 1-2 cans cranberry sauce
1-2 cans of green beans**

Nov. 16: 1-2 packages pre-cooked dinner rolls

If you would rather donate, please add **Thanksgiving** to memo on your check. For cash use the brown envelopes in the pew and mark **Thanksgiving** on the outside.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 24th from 9 am -12 pm.

Due to the number of families that we will be helping, please just buy from the list above.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaire Adams, Family of Toni Badovinac, 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

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Nov. 9	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Baptism /membership Congregational meeting
Tuesday	Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday	Nov. 12	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex

3:00 Handbell practice
4:00 Chancel Choir practice

Friday	Nov. 14	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Monday	Nov. 17	10:30 Paper Angels distribution 5:30 Session meeting
Tuesday	Nov. 18	10:00 Card class
Sunday	Nov. 23	Decorate sanctuary for Christmas
Sunday	Nov. 30	Lent season begins

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 always the 1st Sunday of the month.

December 7 (next collection date) November 17 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags. If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office or Sunday to church.

Arcadia Center for the Needy

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

Next collection date

November 16

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 offic

Celebrations



November birthdays

Nov. 12 Ted Land
Nov. 19 Logan Adams
Nov. 23 David Maassen
Nov. 26 Edward Maassen

Nov. 27 Don Knoche
Nov. 28 Jill Maassen
Brian Fender
Nov. 29 Cherie Thomas

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 30

Via Facebook: 39

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 955.00

Year to Date: \$ 147,868.62

Contact information

First Presbyterian Church
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. Each day we post a scripture verse and we put up live services and events. We post pictures as well.

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 give me a call at 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.