

E-Blast News

***Don't forget DST ends this weekend !
Set your clocks back!***

November 2, 2025 – November 9, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

This is a humbling week as we think of conflict in our hemisphere and category 5 Hurricane Melissa. As always it is the normal people about whom I worry most. Having traveled to places like Venezuela and Haiti and Jamaica, I am struck by the thin margin within which they live in a beautiful island setting somehow spread over with poverty and hard living. I have also had the opportunity to work with Cubans in various settings and have benefited from their dedication to medical education and mission. Our church partner in Cuba is the Presbyterian Church of Cuba which has marvelous leaders who have impact in many places. In Venezuela there is a very small Presbyterian denomination. In Haiti our partner church people are Episcopalians and in Jamaica there are several Reformed Christian churches that work in conjunction with Canadian and U.S. Presbyterians. These are real people whose faces are known and to whose stories we have been connected.

They do and will need our help.

We are among those who have an opportunity to share the abundant grace in which we live - especially those of us in Florida who know what hurricanes can do and who have been recipients of shared grace ourselves.

We can give thanks that the storm is past, but the suffering and need are still with us.

Please let us pray for these brothers and sisters and let us do what we can to stand with them and help them find restoration.

Yours in Christ,

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hurricane Melissa made landfall as a Category 5 storm in Jamaica on Tuesday, October 28th and then moving on to Cuba. The impact will require years of rebuilding.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing grants to address urgent, immediate needs, and will remain for the Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs. The magnitude of this storm will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Support our response

DR000194-Hurricanes and Typhoons

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 & Charlaïne Adams, Diane Brantley, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Family of Vivian Ann Johnson, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, 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. 2	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship service Paper Angels collection Communion
Monday	Nov. 3	10:30 Paper Angel distribution
Wednesday	Nov. 5	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell practice 4:00 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Nov. 7	12:30 Men's luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Nov. 9	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Baptism /membership Congregational meeting

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
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



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.