



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

August 24, 2025

11th 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

Celebration of the 127th Anniversary

Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, we come in joy and gratitude for this fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you that we can pray and worship together, learn together, serve together, lift up those in need and find our identity in your call for our lives. Bless this service we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Introit

Prelude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Welcome, Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Call to Worship **THE LIVING GOD**

We believe in one true and living God.

That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love.

God is greater than our understanding.

We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God comes to us on God's own terms

God makes himself known in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.

God moves in history with his people.

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.

God is at work beyond our story.

**We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.
We acknowledge no other God.**

**We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.
We praise and enjoy God.**

To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom

Hymn: "Praise the Lord, O' Heaven"

#17

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession (unison)*

O Lord, we have heard and believed...and, yet, we have still failed to let the light of your love into the darkest recesses of our hearts. We have failed to love others as we love ourselves. We have not lived up to the demands of justice and love as we have been taught. Have mercy on us and forgive us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news,

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

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:32-6:9

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Anthem

Second Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Serving the Living One”

**Hymn:*

“I Sing the Almighty One”

#31

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

“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

**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

Celebration 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:*

“Savior Like a Shepherd”

#440

**Litany for FPC's 127th Anniversary*

God chose one people for the sake of all people. ..

God has chosen us to be his body and presence in this place.

God has made us his daughters and sons, and has given us love and life, and called us to worship and honor him.

The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals, churches and nations to set people free.

God bound his people to himself in covenant.

We, too are the Lord's covenant people.

We know we must be holy as the Lord is holy.

We must keep God's commandments, and be his grateful and loving people. ..

We, the people of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia are called to declare God's goodness, justice and love.

**Charge and Benediction*

Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for celebrative refreshments in the breezeway following the service

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, Ellen Davis, Brian & Jackie Harris, Jerry Nathe, MaryAnn Treadwell , and Terry West.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, 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	Aug. 24	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service <i>Celebration of 127th Anniversary</i>
Monday	Aug. 25	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution
Wednesday	Aug. 27	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex
Friday	Aug. 29	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Aug. 31	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service

Send cards in memory of Muriel Hall to: Hall Family
8637 Bull Rd.
Arcadia, FL 34266

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: 29

Viewed on Facebook: 42

Offering last Sunday: \$1775.00

Year to Date: \$ **113,678.41**

Church Directory

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Church Office Hours

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

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Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Office Manager – Karen Cassels