



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

August 17, 2025

10th 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

We gather in faith as your people who trust in your presence and help every day of our lives. Let us feel you with us in this worship and let us be strengthened as we go out in service to you. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Choral Introit

Prelude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Welcome, Announcements

Elder Dave Bremer

Call to Worship

Brief statement of Faith PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Come let us worship God.

**Hymn:*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#14

**Prayer of Confession (unison)*

Gracious God, you have called us to live as one community, yet:

- we rebel against you;
- we hide from our Creator;
- we ignore God's commandments;
- we violate the image of God in others and ourselves;
- we accept lies as truth;
- we exploit neighbor and nature; and
- we threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

Forgive us all our sins and make us anew in your holy image.

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Despite our sin, God acts with justice and mercy to redeem us and to redeem creation. ... Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Hear 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

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Dave Bremer

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.

**Hymn:*

"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

#420

First Lesson

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Elder Dave Bremer

Anthem

"Prayer for Peace"

Loonis Mcglohon

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

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-8,20-23,29-34

Dr. Will Browne

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“ Faith in the Unseen”

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:*

“ Let There Be Peace on Earth ”

#614

**Charge and Benediction*

Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for a time of fellowship 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, Ellen Davis, Brian & Jackie Harris, Jerry Nathe, MaryAnn Treadwell, Terry West, and Edith Wildt.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Mary Dow, Earl & Kay Frierson, 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

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 17 10:30 Choir Practice
11:15 Worship Service
Collection for Ctr. for the Needy

Wednesday Aug 20 12:30 Bible Study/Duplex

Friday Aug 22 12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef

Sunday Aug 24 10:30 Choir Practice
11:15 Worship Service

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: 35

Viewed on Facebook: 48

Offering last Sunday: \$3,080.00

Year to Date: \$ 111, 903.41

Church Directory

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 am -3:00 pm

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

Clerk of Session – Elder Jill Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Office Manager – Karen Cassels