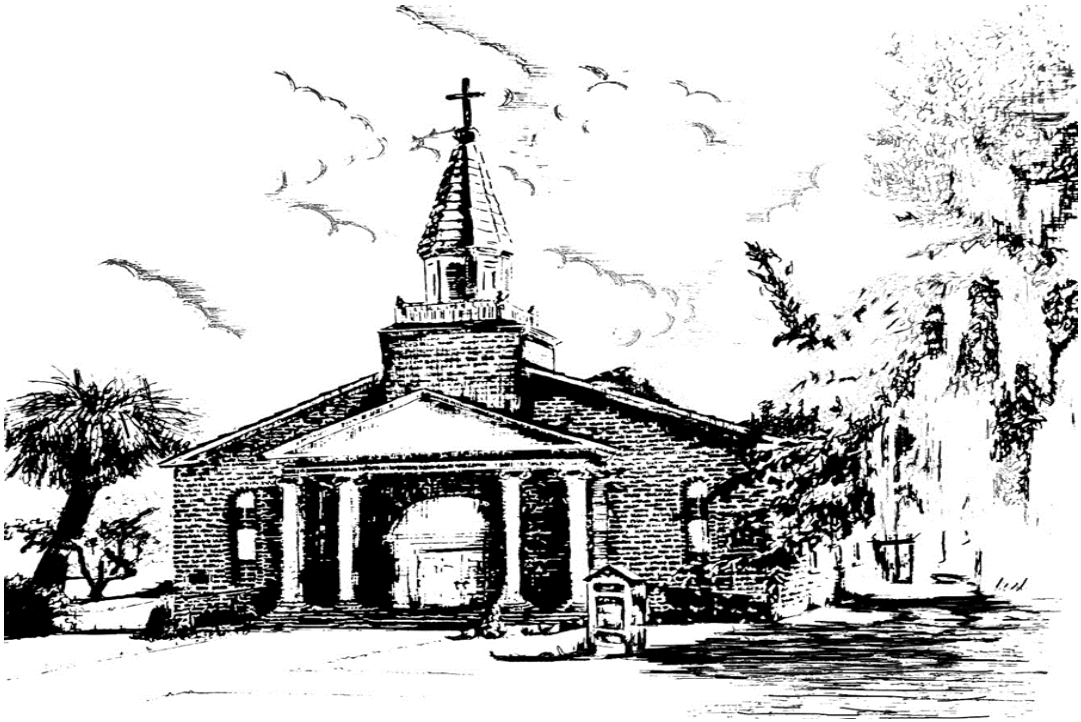


Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth 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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *November 8, 2026*

***Please stand if able** **bold=unison**

Prayer of Preparation (Silent prayer)

Faithful One, assure us you are near. In our joy and in our need, help us to seek you, for we know that we will find peace and gladness with you. Today and always, we say again and again, "God is great!" Amen.

Music in this service is prerecorded

Choral Introit **(Congregation *is invited to join in*)**

Welcome & Announcements Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude *"Be Thou My Vision"*
Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call To Worship Elder Mitzie McGavic

The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
What has God done for you?
God has done wondrous and unforgettable works.
We tell of God's strength in the wilderness;
We tell of God's leading us in paths of freedom!
We'll never stop telling our stories.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.
Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

*Hymn: *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go "* **#446**

Call to Confession Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession ***(unison)***

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but often we are timid and fearful and lazy. We want your coming kingdom but we do not keep alert for the signs that you are at work among us. We act as if an hour scheduled on Sundays is sufficient, yet we always and ever want your help. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Er ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri *"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.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 78:1-7 Elder Mitzie McGavic

Anthem *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Psalm 78:1-7 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Seeing Our Hope In God"

**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.

Hymn:* *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise "* **#677

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

…..Let us pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

"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"

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** Elder Mitzie McGavic

***Hymn:** *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms "* **#496**

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude *"Miles Lane"* arr. Will Stockton
Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments 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: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, family of Eduwigis Angeles Fortanel, Esther Harvell, family of Ansley Head, , Donna Jones, family of Kathy Latimer, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Josselyn Lopez, Thomas & Jane Mooney, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, 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

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Look what's coming...

Sunday	**November 8**	9:45 Choir practice 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	**November 9**	Basket Deadline
Tuesday	**November 10**	10:00 Card Class
Wednesday	**November 11**	12:30 Bible study
Friday	**November 13**	12:30 Men's Luncheon
Sunday	**November 15**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Ctr. 4 Needy

Future Dates to remember

Monday	**November 16**	Thanksgiving basket deadline
Sunday	**November 22**	Decorate Sanctuary
Monday	**November 23**	9-12 Distribute baskets
Friday	**December 18**	Poinsettias order deadline

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic.

Church Information

Attendance: **33**
Offering: 11-1-26 - **$5,417.00**

Viewed on Facebook:**18**
Year to Date: **$125,814.44**

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Director of Music – Genie Martin
Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen
Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen
Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar