

E-Blast News

September 28, 2025 – October 5, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

I have slowly been working my way through a sermon series based on the PCUSA Declaration of Faith. The Declaration was officially recognized for instruction in 1977. It never was adopted as a formal confession of faith but was commended for study. I have found it wise and poetic and a strength for my growth in faith. We have now gone through 5 chapters. Chapter One - the Living God. Chapter Two - the Maker and Ruler of All. Chapter Three - God and the People of Israel. Chapter Four - God in Christ. Chapter Five - God the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday we will look at Chapter Six - The Word of God. The Declaration helps us think about Jesus as the Word of God. I invite you to attend or tune in online to help us dig into the deep meaning and meanings of 'the Word of God.'

There are a total of Ten chapters which we will look at in October and into the beginning of November.

I look back on what I have just written and it sounds dry or academic but I assure you it is not and can open our minds to a deeper and more joyous relationship with God.

Yours in Christ,

Will

from the family of Wayne Gallant

We, the family of Wayne L. Gallant want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of the prayers, cards, food and giving of time, energy and talents in celebrating Wayne's life.

Our special thanks go out to Dr. Will Browne for giving a lovely service, Mike Cooley for his beautiful organ music, Tyler Maassen for taking such good care of the sound system, Jill and Edward Maassen for providing and creating an amazing golf theme table decorations, and MyShelly's Restaurant for the delicious sandwiches and fruit platter.

With our love,

Marilyn, Lorraine, Dean and Jacqueline

Love offering

Karen Cassels' health and family circumstances have changed, and she is no longer able to be our Office Manager.

We would like to give her a Love Offering Gift from our church. We invite you to be a part of that gift by giving a check or envelope made out to the church with a memo "Love Offering for Karen." Please give your gifts by this Sunday of **October (10/5/25)** by either dropping them off at the church, mailing them, or placing them in the offering plates.

EBlast news

Please turn in requests for inclusion in the EBlast by Wednesday of the week it will appear.

Sanctuary changes

The lighting company will be working in the sanctuary Thursday and Friday of this week. The lift to reach the lights is currently in the narthex. Don't be surprised if on Sunday some of the pews have been moved. We will adjust as necessary.

Depending on what the company finds, the pews may remain moved for a while. Keep your fingers crossed they can diagnose our issue and resolve it in a timely manner.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

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

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaire Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Keith Markey, Kenny O'Neal, Family of Wayne Onofri, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Margaret White, and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST:

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.

CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Sept. 28	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Sept. 30	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell practice 4:00 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Oct. 3	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef

Sunday

Oct. 7

9:45 Adult Sunday school

10:30 Choir Practice

11:15 Worship Service

Collection for Paper Angels

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.

October 5 (next collection date) October 6 (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.

October 19, 2025 (next collection date)

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



October birthdays

Oct. 4 Rodney Hollingsworth

Oct. 8 John Burtscher

Oct. 14 Layfe Jiskoot, Mac Martin

Oct. 20 Cassie Lawrence

Oct. 21 Terry West

Oct. 24 Eden Esposito

Oct. 29 Ann Pepper

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 28

Via Facebook: 35

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 2,550.00

Year to Date: \$ 134,698.62

Contact information

Church Mailing Address:
First Presbyterian Church
20 N. Orange Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Rev. Dr. Will Browne 941-928-7504
863-494-4434

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.