



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

July 19, 2026

Eighth 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

(Silent prayer)

Sovereign God, your Spirit is ever present with us. Where can we flee your presence? You are the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, and all that exists in between. When your Spirit seems hidden from us, teach us to recognize your presence and to respond, for your name's sake. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living" (Ashgrove)
Mike Cooley, piano; Ellie Sutphin, flute

arr. Joel Raney

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Mitzie McGavic

We gather in the presence of God;

We have come to worship and praise God's name.

We gather in joy and expectancy;

We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.

Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening;

Speak Your word of life to us, O God.

****Hymn:***

"The Church's One Foundation" v 1,2,5

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

Assurance of Pardon

...and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

**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

Isaiah 44:6-8

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“The Good and the Bad”

**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:*

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

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

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**Doxology*

*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:*

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" v, 1,2,5

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**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

"We Believe in One True God" traditional Spanish melody
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: Jean Borsmann, Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, family of Marilyn Stander, and Terry West.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, family of Kay Welles Kujawa, Lisa Letson, Julie & Amanda Nunez and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, 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	July 19	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection 4 Needy
Wednesday	July 15	12:30 Bible study
Friday		No men's luncheon Will resume in September
Sunday	July 26	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 Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic.

Church Information

Attendance Sunday: 22

Offering: 07-12-26-\$4,710.12

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Year to Date: **\$81,184.44**

Church Directory

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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