



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

May 17, 2026

The Ascension

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)

God of seekers and dreamers, speak to us now as we wait for Your promised word. Protect Your people, we pray. The road ahead may be long, but fill us with determination and courage. Teach us to be your body with faith and love, that we might serve one another as companions on the way, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Let the righteous be joyful!

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

***Hymn:**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#560

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Christ our Savior, as You ascended, You left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify You through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness You have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do Your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.

Assurance of Pardon

... and responding to our longing with forgiveness and mercy.

Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.

**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 Acts 1:3-4a, 5, 9-14 Elder Marlou Zolkos

Special Music: "Shout To The Lord" arr. Joel Raney
Ellie Sutphin, flute Lew Cassels, piano

Scripture Lesson Luke 24:44-53 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation

“The Hope to which We are Called”
Ephesians 1:17-18

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

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:*

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

#554

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

#34

**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 Dedicatíon*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

**Hymn:*

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

#111

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Organist Lew Cassels

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: Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, family of Ron Overcash, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Ellen Abraham, Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, family of Raedell Coogler, Mary Dow, Gina Green, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, David Kersey, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Sharon Shatney, and Tina Turzio.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, 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	May 17	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection Ctr. 4 Needy
Monday	May 18	10:30 Bill's Paper Angel Distribution 5:30 Session meeting
Wednesday	May 20	12:30 Bible study
Friday	May 22	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	May 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 Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic.

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 27

Offering: 5-10-26– 3,761.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Year to Date: **\$61,199.27**

Church Directory

First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia

20 N. Orange Ave.

Arcadia, FL 34266

E-mail: Office@firstpc.church

Website: www.firstpc.church

863-494-4434

Church Office

Monday-Friday 9:00 am -3:00 pm

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

Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar