



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

August 9, 2026

Eleventh 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)

Prince of peace, you calm the raging seas and speak in silent stillness. Bring us peace that only you can provide. Restore the joy of our salvation, that we might find the wisdom to recognize you in unexpected places and the courage to follow you, for your name's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Come Jesus, come.

We welcome your presence.

****Hymn:***

"Blessed Assurance"

#426

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts and to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in things and ideas and heroes. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that we confess with our lips what we truly believe in our hearts. 'We ask it in Jesus' name.

Assurance of Pardon

....There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed!

Hallelujah! So let it be. Amen!

**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 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Elder Mitzie McGavic

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:22-33 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "A bear of little brains"...and a kind heart."

**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:*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

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 Dedication*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

**Hymn:*

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#257

**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: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, family of Marilyn Stander.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Sally McSwain, family of Linda Sue Marsh, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, 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, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, Susie Lepianka, 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	August 9	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
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Monday	August 10	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels
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Wednesday	August 12	12:30 Bible study
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Friday		No Men's luncheon Will resume in September.
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Sunday	August 16	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection 4 Needy
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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:
Offering:

Viewed on Facebook:18
Year to Date: **\$84,184.44**

Church Directory

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

Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar