

# ***E-Blast News***

**December 7, 2025 – December 14, 2025**

**Dear Saints,**

Somehow this Advent Season is not as exhausting as it ought to be. Parties, events, services, shopping, reconnecting, cards and more cards, wrapping, keeping secret gifts secret, watching for family and friends and neighbors that get left out. For us the season demands that it all be shared with joy. A holiday celebration needs guests and surprises and new insights and memories.

The season itself as reflected in our worship is at the heart of our rejoicing.

This Sunday we focus on the 4th candle we labor as Love. Love is no easy thing as it calls us to put the best interests of others before our own - always a challenge for me. But Christmas lets me be seen in the light of grace. Therefore, it is joy upon joy!

Join us in worship on both the 21st and the 24th! It is the highlight of my year.

**Yours in Christ,**

*Will*



*Love, Iyla*

*Wishing  
everyone  
Merry  
Christmas!*

*A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*

Treasurer

*End of year tax reminder...*

The year is closing fast, and so is your opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation before December 31st. Your support helps us continue our mission 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.

Thank You,

*Dave Bremer*

Financial Chair

## *All Choir & Handbell Choirs*

The music program was so great. You all were wonderful! Many compliments at the reception. No practice until – don't know when right now – but will be practicing on Sunday mornings at 10:30 & singing for the service.

Thank you all for your time and talent. We are still strong!

Love you,

*Genie*

Ps. Thanks for the beautiful Christmas arrangement.

## *Christmas Joy offering*

A Presbyterian goal is to assist church workers and their families in their time of critical, financial need and to assist students to open doors for opportunity.

Through the Christmas Joy offering, we honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers, and in critical financial need. We like students in schools and



their families who now find themselves honor and celebrate emerging leaders colleges as they pursue their education.

The Christmas Eve service is when this offering is taken, but you can give any time. Look for the envelopes in the pews or take one of the brown envelopes in the pews and label the outside "Christmas Joy offering".

## *Per Capita request*

The Session is requesting each congregational member consider giving their fair share of the Presbytery's per Capita cost this year. What that covers is the Presbytery's expense to govern and provide missions to congregations in their Presbytery.



In years past it was mandatory from each church based on church membership numbers, but in recent years it has been voluntary. The cost this year is **\$13.00** per member.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews marked *Per Capita*. Please feel free to use them or if writing a check write Per Capita in the message portion. Please place the envelope in the offering plate.

## *Send a card to Vivien*

While on her way home from trick or treating on Halloween night, Vivien Liszak was hit by a truck. One of her legs was crushed and the ankle on her other leg was broken. Vivien is at home, but would really enjoy some cards. Please consider sending this young lady a card to cheer her in her recovery. Her address is 225 Seasons St., Pt. Charlotte, FL 33953

## *Thank you from Karen*

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the card & check. It was so thoughtful of you. The retirement has been great finally getting settled in our house since we have more time now.

Take care and hugs to all,

*Karen*

## *Church Prayer List*

### **FPC MEMBERS:**

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Bobby & Charlaire Adams, Diane Brantley, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Margaret White, Debbie Webb and Laurie York.

### **MILITARY LIST:**

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.  
CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

## *Eblast requests*

Please turn in requests for inclusion in the Eblast by Monday of the week you want it to appear. We want to include your request.

## *Look what's coming...*

- Sunday Dec. 21**      9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service  
Ctr. 4 the Needy collection
- Wednesday Dec. 24**      **6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- Sunday Dec. 28**      9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service

## *Contact information*

### ***Homebound members' addresses***

*For those sending cards...*

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| 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***

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| 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**January 4 (next collection date)    January 12 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED:** plastic toothbrush holders any size and sanitary napkins

### **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date**

**January 18**

**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*



### ***December birthdays***

Dec. 8 Judy Bremer

Dec. 9 Hmingi Browne

Dec. 11 JoAnna Burtscher

Dec. 15 Lindsay Knoche

Dec. 18 Pam Omar

Dec. 20 Donnie Knoche

Dec. 26 Robb Adams

## ***Church Information***

### **Attendance/Offering**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 28**

**Via Facebook: 18**

Offering: 12/7/25- \$4,505.00  
12/14/25- \$4,030.00

Year to Date: **\$182,762.92**

### **Contact information**

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

Rev. Dr. Will Browne  
941-928-7504  
863-494-4434

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Closed 12-1 for lunch

### **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.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://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 call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

1. Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.