



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA

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**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 8, 2019**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

**John 3:16 NRSV**

**REV. DR. WINSTON LAWSON**

*Organized August 28, 1898*

**PRELUDE:** *Prayer for Peace*

Charles Demorest

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VERSE OF PREPARATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Spirit of the Living God*

Dan Iverson

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Judie Neeley

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:** *To God Be the Glory*

**No. 66**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy and gracious God: We confess our reluctance to pray.**

**We often hate to admit our souls are sin-sick and weary;**

**we hide our wounds; and we disguise our brokenness**

**and pretend to be whole.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Restore to us the joy of our salvation.**

**By your Spirit, anoint us with your healing balm and revive us.**

**Refresh our hearts by filling us anew; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(a moment for silent personal confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

**\*RESPONDING WITH PRAISE:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**No. 96**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord...

He makes wars, cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Be still, and know that I am God!! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**MUSIC:** *This Little Light of Mine*

(arr) Neil Johnson

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** *Isaiah 65:17-25 / Acts 2:42-47*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON:** *Characteristics of the Church*

Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson

**\*HYMN:** *The Church's One Foundation*

**No. 544**

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **No. 489**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:** *Song of Devotion*

Louis Stairs

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**No. 34**

**\*HYMN:** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**No. 496**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE:** *Three Fold Amen*

Danish

**POSTLUDE:** *American Hymn*

Matthais Keller

**EVERYONE is invited to stay for the closing Postlude, and to a time of fellowship with lemonade and cookies in the breezeway.**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Organist  
Treasurer  
Sound Technicians  
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Elders Tyler Maassen & Skip West  
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## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

### FPC MEMBERS

Alan Adams, Jane Campbell, Rev. Frank Gready, Lorena Mee, Jerry Nathe, Candy Reid and Paul Whitlock.

### FPC—FAMILY/FRIENDS

George Adams (Pastor Alans' father), Tucker Adkins, Marie Browning, Jana Carpenter (Scott & Linda Carpenters' daughter), Brian Clemons, Debi Collins (Jan LoPortos' friend), Darlina Conerly (Jan Hancocks' friend), Victoria Cross, Rick & Pam Dodd, Carrie Evans, Roger Evans, Rusty Garner, Sherri Harris, Amy Latimer, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter, Cary Mercer, Karen Mercer, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), John O'Neal (Jan LoPortos' friend) Linda R. (Carlas' friend), Camila Shea, Bob Simmons and Megan Simmons, Linda Summers, Sherrie Turner and Margaret Varnadore.

### MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, Brent Mayo, Cole Overcash and Wilda Smith. If you have a military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434.

#### Session

2019	2020	2021
Donnie Knoche	Dave Bremer	Beth Liszak
Jill Maassen	Johnny Maassen	Mitzie McGavic
Carol Treadwell	Mac Martin	Judie Neeley
Judy Kirkpatrick	MaryAnn Treadwell	Skip West

#### ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way	Paul Whitlock	David Holloman
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## OUR CHURCH AT WORK

**Welcome to our worship service! We invite you to sign the friendship pads** so we can stay connected with everyone. **Visitors**, please be sure to include your **email address** so that we can add you to our weekly newsletter.

### **Sunday: Sept 8th**

- 9:45** Sunday School Kick Off bring your favorite casserole
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Morning Worship
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

### **Monday: Sept 9th**

- 9:00** Monday Morning Ladies (Duplex)
- 12:00** Men's Luncheon at Reef & Beef

### **Wednesday: Sept 11th**

- 6:00** Chancel choir & Handbell Fall BBQ at the Martin House bring side dish

### **Sunday: Sept 15th**

- 9:45** Sunday School All Ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Worship
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

**Please pray for Pastor Alan as he has surgery on Monday the 9th.**

<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Offering Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 2,238.50</b>
<b>Memorials collected year to date</b>	<b>\$ 2,360.00</b>
<b>Offering collected year to date</b>	<b>\$ 145,589.60</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 142,061.09</b>