

E-Blast News

Dec 12 to Dec 19, 2021

Dear Saints:

The Advent Theme for this Sunday is JOY! It is therefore fortuitous that our annual Christmas Concert is this Sunday too. Thanks to Genie and Lou and our choir and bell choir we are well known- deservedly known - for the quality and joy of the music in our Christmas Concert. It is one of the marks of our church - excellence in the music of our worship of God.

For all of our musicians of instrument and voice we ought to give thanks to God, for they put into sound and motion the joy we feel in this season about the incarnation that comes to us in Jesus' birth.

So please come to the concert at 5 pm or listen to a recorded version.

It is time for us to celebrate in joy.

Yours in Christ,

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COVID UPDATE

In response to the growing infection rate of COVID-19 the session recommends the following as you prepare to attend in-person worship at First Presbytery Church.

- If the vaccine is available to you please get it**
- If you are not vaccinated please wear a mask**
- Consult the most recent CDC guidelines for gathering in public Spaces—particularly the recommendation for those in areas of High transmission (vaccinated or not) to wear a mask.**

As we have all learned throughout this pandemic, our individual responses to this virus are varied.

The session will respect the choices you make as we all seek to care for ourselves and one another. If you have any questions please call our church office.



Christmas Music Program

Sunday

December 12, 2021

5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street

Arcadia, FL 34266

863-494-4434

Reception following program



**MEMORIAL/HONOR POINSETTIA
INFORMATION & ORDER FORM**

FPC is once again placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of the poinsettias is \$7.50 each.

The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 10 for the season and may be picked up *after* the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24.

If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the order form below and return with your donation to the church office **no later than December 17th**. The order forms and donations may also be dropped in the offering plates on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office. You may still purchase a poinsettia after December 17th, but your memorial/honor may not be listed until the following Sunday. ***Order early!!***

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Plant(s) to be placed in **memory** or in **honor** of (please circle one)

JOY OFFERING

This year's JOY offering, designed to help Presbyterian students in schools and colleges, and has been designated by the Session to go to our seminary student Nicole Maassen Jiskoot. This December Nicole completes her second year of seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

As our seminary student and her home church, FPC has pledged to support her in her journey toward becoming a minister.

Please donate generously and mark JOY offering in the memo section of your check. Brown envelopes are also available. Please mark JOY offering on the outside of the envelope.



Mark your calendar!

Church Calendar November = December

- Sunday Dec. 12 Third Sunday of Advent**
9:45 am Sunday school 10:30 am Chancel Choir practice
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm **Christmas Music Program**
- Wednesday Dec 15** 12:00 noon pre-study sandwich lunch
12:30 pm in person Bible Study of Luke
- Sunday Dec. 19** 9:45 am Sunday school 10:30 am Chancel Choir practice
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm **Christmas Music Program**
- Monday Dec 20** 5:30 pm **Session meeting/duplex**



Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Tom & Arlene Anderman, Rich & Jean Borsmann, Dave Bremer, Shirley Cullom, Millie Foster, Kay Holloman, and LaVerne Townsend.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Celeste, Cheryl Baldwin, Debi Collins, Pam and Rick Dodd, Kiersa Durfee, Roger Evans, Joe Gallimore, Jane Hayward and son Ozzie, Courtney Hollingsworth, Tripp Johnson and Family, Bobby O’Neal (Edith’s friend), Les Privette, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Pam Simmons, Ruth Ann Smith, Margaret White (Mitzie’s mom), JoLynn Wright and Heidi Evans (Bill Stander’s cousins).

MILITARY LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, and Cole Overcash

Homebound Members send some Christmas Cheer

We have members who are sick or haven't been outside due to the Covid-19 and You know they would love to have some cheer. How about sending out a card or two and let them know they are still loved and missed.

Jerry Anderman: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees: 2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Robert Treadwell: 2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 34266

If you would like to send a card to our Military here are
some addresses

Military Members

CM# Ryan Maassen 564 W. Channel Islands Blvd. # 394 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041
Cole Overcash 10518 Barbecue Dr. Converse, Texas 78109



Just received offering envelopes so please stop by the office and pick one up.
Puzzles, Puzzles who wants a puzzle or two. I have more new puzzles if you know of
someone who enjoys puzzle please come pick up one or two and share.



Chancel Choir and Handbell Schedule

Saturday	12/11/21	Chancel Choir and Handbell Practice	4:00 pm
Sunday	12/12/21	Christmas program	4:00 pm at the church

Choir and Handbell Christmas Music Program is Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Ring in Christmas!

Handbells, Chancel Choir, Organ, Jazz Piano, guitar, flute & soloists.

Please invite and bring your friends!



Help! We need toilet paper and paper towels for our families. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **December 13th** from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm we will distribute of the paper goods. Come and share the joy with us.

The Congregational Team has developed a new way to get involved with our community. We will be supplementing items that Trinity Methodist food pantry does not provide. We have met and come up with a list of items that are needed and we will also greatly appreciate volunteers. These are the items we are starting off with and we may add more items to the list.

Bar soap, small liquid soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products (tampons, napkins), paper towels, travel size (body lotion, shampoo, body wash) wipes, wash cloths and hand sanitizer.

If you are unable to pick up supplies monetary donations by cash or check. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo section put Paper Angels. Thank you all for your help!



Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 43

Via Facebook: 22

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 3,359.00

Year to date: \$168,406.43



December - Birthdays

8 Judy Bremer

9 Hmingi Browne

Kay Holloman

11 JoAnn Burtscher

15 Lindsay Knoche

- 17 Corey Head
- 20 Donnie Knoche
- 21 Marion Townsend
- 23 Brad Lawrence
- 24 Stephen Winhoven
- 26 Robb Adams

Church Information:

Church Mailing Address is:

First Presbyterian Church

20 N. Orange Ave.

Arcadia, FL 34266

SESSION

2021: Beth Liszak, Mitzie McGavic, Johnny Maassen, Jean Borsmann

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen

2023: Jeff Adams, Ann Pepper, Ellie Sutphin, Edith Wildt

ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way

David Holloman

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page. Each day we post a scripture verse and we put up live services and events. We post pictures as well.

Also, visit our website 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 give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.