

E-Blast News

Dec 19 to Dec 26, 2021

Dear Saints:
Merry Christmas!!!,

I love Christmas and I love the Christmas Season! And, I love being part of a congregation that celebrates Christ's birth!

Some of us will be traveling over Christmas and we pray you will be safe and enjoy the family or friends you will visit (plus now, thanks to Tyler, you can participate online!). Some of you will be hosting folk for the holidays. Enjoy them all!

Most of all, I love the story of Jesus. This year we read it from the Gospel according to Luke. I admire the skill of Luke's telling. But I love God's love for us all that leads to the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel - God with us!

Wherever you next week give thanks with joy to God!

Merry Christmas!

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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.

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 December

Sunday	Dec. 19	9:45 am Sunday school 10:30 am Chancel Choir practice 11:00 am Worship Service – Children Coins
Monday	Dec 20	5:30 pm Session meeting/duplex
Friday	Dec 24	6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Office closed for Christmas
Sunday	Dec 26	9:45 am Sunday school 10:30 am Chancel Choir practice 11:00 am Worship Service
Monday	Dec 27	Office closed for Christmas
Friday	Dec 31	Office closed for New Year's Holiday



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.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon pictures...



Maybelle Lebbert with her new hat she won playing Christmas Bingo...



MaryAnn Treadwell, Jill Maassen, Mervyn (the moose), Marilyn Gallant and Sue Maassen getting their picture taken in their new Christmas sunglasses.



Kay Holloman sporting her Christmas glasses, Carol Treadwell and Margaret Way in the background.

Our next party will be in February 7, 2022. More details coming up on that luncheon so stay tuned...



Help! We need toilet paper, paper towels, large toothpaste, small hand sanitizers, and baby wipes for our families. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **January 10th** 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: 58 Via Facebook: 116
Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1,899.00 Year to date: \$170,305.43
Christmas Concert had 192 views on Facebook.



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 Lizak, 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.