

E-Blast News

Sep 13 to Sep 20 2020



News from Pastor Will.....

Dear Saints of FPC Arcadia,

Thank you for your warm welcome on my first Sunday with you. Thanks to my first time with you when I was your interim pastor - which was wonderful for me, I really do feel at home again. Even with all the current necessary restrictions, I am very happy to be back with you.

As usual for me, I am following the Common Lectionary for scripture passages from which to preach. This week that takes me to Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 18:21-35. The sermon title will be "Obligations of Grace."

As we begin this next chapter of the epic story of FPC Arcadia, my mind is on the theology of the church (which scholars call Ecclesiology). What makes the church the church? What is God's intention for the church? What are the promises and limitations of the church? How does FPC Arcadia find its unique place within the parameters of what the church is as the body of Christ in the world?

I want to think about the church for a while because:

- it is in thinking about the Church that I believe we will find assurance and hope and purpose;
- it is in thinking about the church that we will find our imaginations re-fired enabling us to discern God's word for us in this time; and
- it is in thinking about the church we will remember and be strengthened by the ways the church has responded to God's call in the past.

Our scriptures for Sunday deal with forgiveness. Now my message will not be an attempt to make you feel guilty – rather it will be about what it means that we are a community of the forgiven and the forgiving.

Look forward to seeing you Sunday in person or on the web.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Will

Attendance Last Sunday: 30

Offering Last Sunday: \$4,464.00

Year to date: \$ 132,850.76

Calendar Events: September, 2020

16th 6:30pm Handbell practice

21st 5:30pm Session Meeting Pfrangle Hall

Church Mailing Address is:

First Presbyterian Church

20 N. Orange Ave.

Arcadia, FL 34266

SESSION

2020: Dave Bremer, Johnny Maassen, Mac Martin, Mary Ann Treadwell

2021: Beth Lyszak, Mitzie McGavic, Skip West

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Bill Stander

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Margaret Way

David Holloman

Please call the office with updates for those on the prayer list.

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.

Homebound Members

(Address provided so you may send a card)

Rita Banks: 5005 NW Royal Palm Drive Arcadia, FL 34266

Jerry Anderman: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Norma Fisher: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Robert Treadwell: 2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 34266

MISSION NEWS

BAGS and BOTTLES - please bring in your plastic shopping bags and empty prescription bottles for the Center for Needy. These can be placed in the Narthex.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Tom & Arlene Anderman, Rita Banks, Wayne and Marilyn Gallant.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Alan Adams, Cheryl Baldwin, Quinton Campbell, Robert Campbell (MaryAnn Treadwells' grandson), Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Carrie Evans (Judie Neeleys' daughter), Roger Evans, Jane Hayward, Deborah Hughes (Wayne Naumbergs' daughter), Chester Johnson, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter), Keith Markey, Rusty & Robbie Mullins, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Holly Purvis, Ruth Ann Smith, Linda Summers, Laurie Sykora, Sherry Turner, Connie Underwood, and Landon Yoder.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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



Notes from Genie:

The first handbell practice is Wednesday, Sept 16. Beth Liszak is going to play! When I asked her on Sunday she said she has played handbells before!! Sue Maassen also agreed to give it a try and Jean will be returning in October. We're coming back!!

There will be a Christmas music program. Singing is still questionable but some way or other with approval of session we will begin again.

Also, I'm hoping for choir and bells barbecue in early October.

Meanwhile it's great to have Will Browne with us to energize and move us forward with his enthusiasm and love!

PRAYER

Let's all pray together "The Lord's Prayer" every day at 12 noon as one body in Christ in unison.

Call or email other friends in other churches.



September

- 4 Paulette Raschella
- 8 Mary Ann Treadwell
- 9 Muriel Hall
Linda Hollingsworth
- 13 Maybelle Lebbert
Edith Wildt
- 21 Arlene Anderman
- 22 Meghan McGuigan
Michael McGuigan
- 22 Ken Pepper
- 26 Jerry Nathe
- 28 Richard Borsmann



6 John & Joann Burtscher