

E-Blast News

Dec 27 to Jan 3, 2021

Dear Saints,

Despite who isn't with you this Christmas, despite the limits on your living, despite all that has frightened or concerned us this year, know this. God is! God is love. God is with us. God in Jesus redeemed us and calls us to new life and purpose. God in the Spirit interacts and loves us.

We matter to God and God calls us to matter to one another. We are to matter to family and friends and fellow church members, colleagues as work or where we live. We are to matter to widows and orphans, the poor, the oppressed, the ill, the mourning, the challenged in ability, and to those in need of the gospel. We are to matter to our enemies and those we fear.

Jesus became God present with us and he taught us that we – all of us – every single person - bear the image of God. Thus, every single person matters to God and, if to God, then to us.

Let us follow the circle all the way around. In the end what we need to hear this Christmas – I believe – is that we are each of us infinitely precious to God. Let that be the most central light within your heart and soul. God loves us. Thanks be to God.

Yours, in Christ's Service

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Merry Christmas to All!

From the Session and Staff

Church office will be closed Dec 24 and Dec 25

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Tom & Arlene Anderman, and Wayne Gallant.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Alan Adams, Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Carrie Evans (Judie Neeley's daughter), Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's cousin), Roger Evans, Terri Harrison (Shelby Bremer's mother), Carol & Sam Henry (Dana Holloman's parents), Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Ruth Ann Smith, JoLynn Wright (Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

MILITARY LIST

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

Homebound Members

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
Bob/Shirley Cullom:	807 W. Imogene St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees:	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Wayne/Marilyn Gallant:	2692 NE Hwy 70 # 626 Arcadia, FL 34266
Robert Treadwell:	2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 3426



Christmas is coming.....

The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 18 for the season and may be picked up *after* the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Dec. 24.**

Just a reminder we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 3rd following the worship service.

If you are in need of offering envelopes please call the church office.



Notes from Genie:

The Handbell Choir did an awesome job last Sunday! So proud of each of you!

If you missed the service go to Facebook and you will be able to watch it. If you need some help give Karen a call at the office.

Merry Christmas to all!

Genie

First Presbyterian Church Paper Angels



Paper Angels... will begin Jan 11th and will continue every 2nd Monday of the month. 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, and body wash) wipes and hand sanitizer.



Mark your Calendar.....

December 2020

24th 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25th Merry Christmas to All!
27th 9:45 am No Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship

January 2021

3rd 9:45 am Ron's Sunday school class only
 11:00 am Worship/Communion/Installation of Elders

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 72

Via Facebook: 119

Offering Last Sunday: \$3,804.00

Year to date: \$ 193,284.26



December – Birthdays

8 Judy Bremer, 9 Hmingi Browne & Kay Holloman, 11 JoAnn Burtscher, 15 Lindsay Knoche, 20 Donnie Knoche, 21 Marion Townsend, 24 Stephen Winhoven, 26 Robb Adams.



December – Anniversaries

14 - Jeff and Nancy Adams

27 – Don and Shelia Knoche

29 – Tom and Arlene Anderman

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 Liszak, Mitzie McGavic, Skip West

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

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.

Poinsettias

Placed By:

In Loving Memory/Honor Of:

Jeff, Nancy, Robb & Logan Adams Charles & Joyce Harman
Our grandparents

Anonymous

Genie Martin & Will Browne

Anonymous

Jane Campbell

Rich & Jean Borsmann

Our Parents, Roberta Mann
Bill Richards, Rita Banks,
Charles Dirr & Harold Lebbert

Dave & Judy Bremer

Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Bremer
John Z. Randall, Sr
Clara Bremer
Mary C. Randall

Lew & Liza Cassels

Dad & Granddaddy Calvin Martin
Bill & Dorothy Williams &
Phyllis Bishop

Max Fitzpatrick

Lois Rachel Fitzpatrick
Charles & Lola Fitzpatrick
Harry & Dorothy Hamilton
Perry & Dorothy Biggs

Addison & Caidyn Gill

Jimmy & Christie Gill

Dianne Hagan
Jane Rayborn
Grayson Rayborn, Jr.
Judy Kelly

William & Nell Dishong
Ella & J. L. Dishong, Sr.
Grayson & Georgia Rayborn
Frank Hagan, Richard Kelly,
John L. Dishong, Jr.
& Terry Rayborn

Muriel Hall

Allison Hall Nelson

Margaret Hays

Judge & Mrs. Gordon Hays

Susan Head & Family

John & Ruth Yama
Darryl Head
Nancy Yama Turner

Rodney & Linda Hollingsworth

Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Hollingsworth
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hollingsworth
Ann Blocker

David & Kay Holloman

Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Holloman
Dr. & Mrs. J. M. McNaír

Roy & Judy Kirkpatrick

Our Parents

Don & Sheila Knoche

Our Parents and our infant child

	Margaret Bell
Donnie, Knoche Family	Susan Head, Darryl Head Don & Sheila Knoche
Maybelle Lebbert	Harold F. Lebbert - husband Carl Lebbert - son
Janet LoPorto	Harp/LoPorto Families
David & Debi Maassen	Lonnée Gunter, John Maassen Kathryn Maassen & Lois Creech
Edward & Jill Maassen	John & Kathryn Maassen Norene Maassen Norman & Barbara Eilertsen Jack Eilertsen
Johnny & Sue Maassen	our precious family and wonderful friends who have passed
Hugh Martin & MaryAnn Treadwell	Hugh and Marion Martin
Genie Martin	Dr. & Mrs. Gordon McSwain Dr. Calvin W. Martin
Genie Martin & Chancel Choir	Charles Dirr Theodore Zolkos
Mac & Mary Pete Martin	Loved ones
Mitzie McGavie	Hal White, Rodger White & Bill McGavie, Sr. & Ruth Ann McGavie
Jerry Nathe	David Nathe, Sr., Sean Winhoven Our Parents

Ellie Sutphin

In Memory of Charles Dirr

Robert & Cherie Thomas

Ruth & Robert Thomas
Grace & Bill Neal

Marion & Laverne Townsend

Matthew or Matt Townsend

Carol Treadwell

Kay Heaton - Sister
Margaret Sowers - Sister

MaryAnn Treadwell & Family

John "Red" Treadwell

Margaret Way

Amos & Amy Way

The Wildt & Esposito Families

Jim Wildt, Mr. & Mrs. John York
Joseph & Helen Wildt

Marlou & Ted Zolkos

Ted Zolkos, Judy Moore,
Kenneth McGraw, Charles Dirr