



First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia
1st Sunday After Christmas
December 29, 2019

PASTOR ALAN ADAMS

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 2:4-6)

PRELUDE: *In Excelsis Deo*

(arr.) Lee Ellis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERSE OF PREPARATION (from front of bulletin)

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

George Root

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder Dave Bremer

Arise, people of God, to receive the Lord's messenger;
be reminded of our covenant with the living God.

God has done great things for us; we are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God will lead us in all times and places; God is with us here to bless and comfort.

**We dedicate this hour of worship to God's Glory,
opening ourselves to a true encounter with the Eternal.**

***SONG OF PRAISE:** *Revive Us Again*

No. 463

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you have been patient with us –
for we have blended in with our surroundings –
and denied your claims on our lives.**

**We revel in the things we have made for ourselves –
and have failed to embrace your way of love.**

**Forgive us, O God, that we may partake of your Grace –
and manifest the fruits of your righteousness.**

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(a moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***RESPONDING WITH PRAISE:** *Amazing Grace* **No. 422**
*Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM: *Selective*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *Isaiah 11:1-10 // Matthew 3:1-12*

SERMON: *At Just the Right Time* Pastor Alan

***AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER:** *The Apostles' Creed* insert

***HYMN:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **No. 59**

CALL TO OFFERING

COLLECTION AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabell*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **No. 34**

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER: *Sanctuary* **No. 482**
*Lord, prepare me – to be a Sanctuary – pure and holy – tired and true.
With thanksgiving – I'll be a living – sanctuary – for you.*

THE PEOPLE PRAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN:** *They'll Know We Are Christians* **No. 595**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE: *Threefold* Danish

POSTLUDE: *Praise Be to God in the Highest* *Friedrick Zachau*

Please join us after the Postlude in the breezeway for lemonade and cookies.



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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

FPC MEMBERS

Jean Borsmann, Rev. Bige Combs, Jackie Combs, Candy Reid, Bill Stander and Lucille Whitlock.

FPC—FAMILY/FRIENDS

George Adams (Pastor Alans' father), Cheryl Baldwin (Calvin Martin, Jr mother in law), Colton Brantley (Edith's friend), David (Gallant's friend), Debi Collins (Jan LoPortos' friend), Victoria Cross, Rick & Pam Dodd, Carrie Evans, Roger Evans, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter, Lorena Mee, Cary Mercer, Karen Mercer, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Hallie Parker, Linda R. (Carlas' friend), Linda Summers, Robert Treadwell and Connie Underwood.

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 David Holloman

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: Dec 29th
9:45 Sunday School for all ages
10:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Morning Worship
12:05 Fellowship in the breezeway

Monday: Dec 30th
9:00 Monday Morning Ladies (Duplex)
12:00 Men's Luncheon at **Country Café'**

Tuesday Dec 31st
Office Closed—New Year's Eve

Wednesday Jan 1st
Office Closed—Happy New Year

Sunday: Jan 5th
9:45 Sunday School All Ages
10:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship with Holy Communion
12:05 Fellowship in the breezeway

Attendance Last Sunday	64
Offering Last Sunday	\$8,492.25
Year to Date Offering	\$218,618.20

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and
in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**