



***First Presbyterian Church
209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, FL***

December 13, 2020

Organized August 28, 1898

Third Sunday of Advent

**Please stand if able*

Prelude: *Selected*

Lew Cassels

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Elder: Dave Bremer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love

Jeff Adams Family

- 1: We live on the brink every day.
We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one.
We live and move between the ordinary and divine,
between the mundane and the mystery.
- 2: Too often, we forget to look and see the angels in our living
room.
We forget that the love we give and live
is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now.
- 1: Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl.
It might have been you or your daughter;
it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild.
But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said,
- 2: **"The Lord is with you."**
- 1: What a gift and promise: Emmanuel, God with us.
The angel said to her,
- 2: **'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son
and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and
will be called the Son of the 'Most High,' and the Lord God
will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.'** (Luke 1:30-32)

Lighting the Candle of Love

Prayer for Love

(Unison)

Gracious God, you are our hope and our salvation.
In you we place our trust,
for in you we have found life and LOVE.
In you our hope has been fulfilled. And,
in your son Jesus the Prince of Peace,
we have found the path to peace.
“God is LOVE” and in you, O God,
we do find our deepest acceptance and purest LOVE.
Hear our gratitude for we rejoice in your love and
commit ourselves to sharing your love with all we meet.
We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Hymn:** *O Come, all Ye Faithful*

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Call to Confession

Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Lord of Christmas Love,
we have not loved as we have been loved.
We have tarnished the gifts of hope, peace and love
you so freely gave.
We have buried you so deeply in our hearts,
the world doesn't see you in us.
We have not followed Christ;
we have ignored your teachings;
we have lived lives of apathy in the face of your love;
have built fences and fortresses to push people away; and,
have silenced the cries of those in need. Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity.
Free us to a life lived with LOVE through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Will Browne

***Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father* #734
*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end.
A-men, A-men.*

Children's Sermon

Dr. Will Browne

MUSIC: *Selected*

HandBell

Scripture: *Luke 1:1-5 ...*

Elder Dave Bremer

Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38*

Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Dr. Will Browne

Sermon: *Father Christmas*

Dr. Will Browne

Morning Prayer / Lord's Prayer: (Unison)
...“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.

Celebration of Generosity

Offertory *Selected*

Lew Cassels

***Doxology**

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*Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Dr. Will Browne

***Hymn:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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***Charge and Benediction:**

Dr. Will Browne

Postlude: *Selected*

Lew Cassels

Mark your Calendar

***Our Christmas Music Program will be Sunday morning Dec 20th at the
11:00 o'clock service. The Chancel Choir will not be singing. The
Handbell Choir is ready & excited about performing all your
Christmas favorite songs. Plus Ellie, Steve and Mac (& guitar) special.
Please come!***

***Don't forget to order your Poinsettia, we only have a few left. Be sure
to get your order in today.***

***We are collecting for Christmas Joy. Envelopes are in the Narthex on
the stand. If you prefer just put Joy in the memo of your check and
drop it in the collection plate. Last date is Dec. 20th to collect.***

I (Arlene) would also like to express my sincere thanks for all your prayers sent heavenward on my behalf this past year. It's been a struggle, to say the least. I thought I was coming home to die, but I guess the good Lord thought otherwise. Got my report from my last labs and they tell me that my liver functions are doing great. Praise be to the Lord! I will continue to have to have lab work to make sure things stay that way. Thank you! Tom and Arlene Anderman

Church Calendar

December

13th	9:45 am	Sunday school
	11:00 am	Worship
15th	2:30 pm	Woman's Bible Study
16 th	6:30 pm	Handbell practice
20 th	9:45 am	Sunday school
	11:00 am	Christmas Music Program/Collect Children Coins

Church Prayer List

FPC - Members:

Tom & Arlene Anderman, and Wayne Gallant.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS:

Alan Adams, Robert Connor, Victoria Cross, Louie Dallojacone (Jan LoPorto's nephew), Pam and Rick Dodd, Carrie Evans (Judie Neeley's daughter), Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's cousin), Roger Evans, Alfred King, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' 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. If you have a

military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434.

***Note: We have purged the prayer list. Please let us know if we have removed a name that should still be on the list.**

Church Information:

Attendance Last Sunday: 45

Viewed by Facebook: 54

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 4,664.00

Year to date: \$180,078.76

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

Church Directory

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Clerk of Session

Elder Dave Bremer

Director of Music

Genie Martin

Organist

Treasurer

Elder Edward Maassen

Sound Technicians

Elders Tyler Maassen & Skip West

Office Manager

Karen Cassels

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