

E-Blast News

August 24, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

As a general rule we have followed the Common Lectionary with its selected scripture passages in determining the focus of our worship. This has some great advantages as it leads us to look at what scripture teaches us rather than at messages we impose on scripture. But for a season I want to follow a different stream. I want to use two of our confessions or statements of faith to challenge and guide us in our thinking about our relationship with God.

We used "A Brief Statement of Faith" last Sunday. Starting this Sunday, I would like to listen as the "Declaration of Faith" guides our thinking about what scripture is telling us. Like the "Brief Statement of Faith" the "Declaration of Faith" is trinitarian - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The former started with lifting up Jesus as the chief form of God's revelation to us of who God is. the 'Declaration: begins more traditionally with God the Father.

"The Declaration of Faith" originally came out of the Southern stream of the Presbyterian Church but its rich language and clarity of expression have made it helpful for the whole church. Early drafts of the Declaration were being worked on when I was in seminary at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Some of its authors taught me.

Please join with us as we enjoy the freshness and power of this Declaration as we live in and rejoice in our faith.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Will

Sunday in the breezeway



Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Ellen Davis, Jerry Nathe, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Mary Dow, Emerson, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Kenny O'Neal, Wayne & Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, **Stephanie Purvis Rohling**, Bob and Pam Simmons, Margaret White, and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST:

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.

CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

Looking for a home

Two plates featuring pictures of the church (one displays the old front of the church and one new church front) are looking for a new forever home. First come, first blessed. \$10 each. Call the church office.

If you need offering envelopes, there are some in the narthex or in the church office.

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Aug. 24	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service <i>Celebration of 127th Anniversary in the breezeway</i>
Monday	Aug. 25	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution
Wednesday	Aug. 27	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex
Friday	Aug. 29	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Aug. 31	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service

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If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so. Please speak with Pastor Will Browne or Clerk of Session Jill Maassen

Contact information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747, Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Frank & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266
Family of Muriel Hall	8637 SE Bull Rd., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA
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Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is always the 1st Sunday of the month.

September 7 (next collection date)

August 25 (next distribution date)

Arcadia Center for the Needy

A special collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month. This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday. The container can be found in the narthex

September 21, 2025 (next collection date)

However, you may donate at any time. If donating by, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. The cans can be dropped off at the office.

Celebrations



August birthdays

01 Jackie Combs
Sandra Welles
02 Conor Daniels
Marilyn Stander
03 Lovinia Jiskoot
Tara Jones
06 Berkley Latimer
07 Terry Presson

09 Kim Halvorson
13 Judy Kirpatrick
14 Nancy Ambler
16 Johnny Maassen
Myra Kirkpatrick
25 Chloe Knoche
28 Sue Maassen

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 29
Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1775.00

Via Facebook: 54
Year to Date: \$ 113,678.41

Contact information

Church Mailing Address:

First Presbyterian Church
20 N. Orange Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Will Browne 941-928-7504
863-494-4434

Session

2025: Dave Bremer, Jill Maassen, Mac Martin, Terry Presson

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

Catch us on Facebook

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.