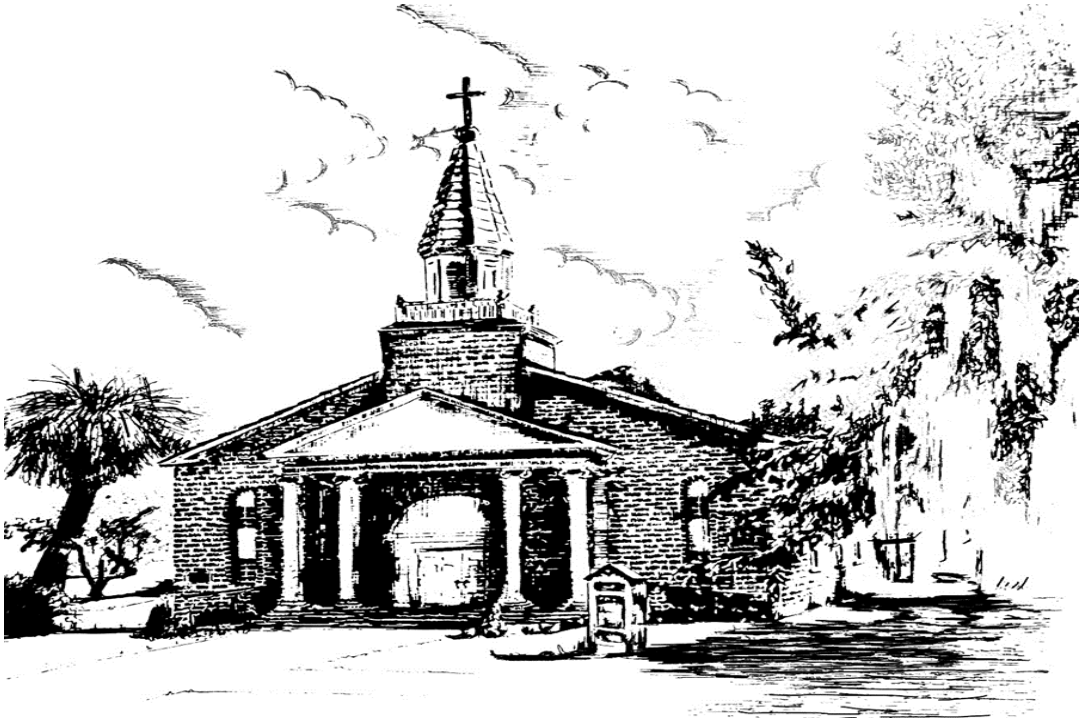


Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

November 1, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Communion

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia is to answer God's call by offering: inspired worship; creating great relationships with members and community; educating and serving both members and the community God has entrusted to us.

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost *November 1, 2026*

***Please stand if able** **bold=unison**

Prayer of Preparation

God of transformation, we give you thanks. Dry deserts overflow with water because of you. Dirt and dust blossom into fruitful fields. Death becomes life. In your Spirit of resurrection, call us to grow new gardens of love, that we might be transformed and moved to serve you. Bring low the mighty and lift up the humble. Your kingdom come.

Choral Introit

Welcome & Announcements Elder Jill Maassen

Prelude *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* arr. Lani Smith

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call to Worship Elder Jill Maassen

From the east and west, north and south,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Through wastelands and wilderness,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Out of desperation,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Praise to the Gatherer and Redeemer.
Your promise awaits.

Hymn:* *"God is Here"* **#1

Call to Confession Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession ***(unison)***

Christ who kneels to wash our feet, Despite your clear example, we cannot shake our usual ways of life. We admit: we are tempted by honor and status. We admit: we like to seem holier than we are. We admit: we like to be respected more than others. We admit: we would rather be "great" than a servant. But you who are the greatest became the servant of all. Help us to imitate you. Humble us that we might be not just the image of your disciple, but that we actually embody your teachings.

Assurance of Pardon

…God delivers us from our distress.
Thank God for such steadfast love,
wonderful works, and unfailing forgiveness.

Gloria Patri* "*Glory be to the Father*" **#734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 34:1-10 Elder Jill Maassen
Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Anthem "*Let the Whole Creation Cry*" Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "When only Grace will do"

**Apostles' Creed* Elder Jill Maassen

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.

Hymn:* *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* ***v 1,2,5* **#96**

Litany For All Saints

Ron Overcash **Marilyn Stander** **Kay Welles Kujawa**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Communion Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Will Browne

…..Now hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us,

"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"

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion ***(unison)*** Elder Jill Maassen

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with the faithful—who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness. Guide us to the springs of the water of life. Join with us until we join the redeemed, singing: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Celebration of Generosity Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Doxology* **#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Dedication* Elder Jill Maassen

Hymn:* *"Lead on, O King Eternal"* **#508

**Charge & Benediction*

Postlude *"Deceleration"* Fenton Groden

Organist Mike Cooley

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.
Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway .

WELCOME: We gather in worship together. Whether we are in the sanctuary or at home, we are grateful for the technology that connects us as one in Christ. Together we are the church.

Church Prayer List.

FPC - MEMBERS: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, family of Eduwigis Angeles Fortanel, Esther Harvell, family of Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, family of Kathy Latimer, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Josselyn Lopez, Thomas & Jane Mooney, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, family of Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, Bjorn Jiskoot, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST: Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

Session

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

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

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Se Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Look what's coming...

Sunday	**November 1**	9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angels
Wednesday	**November 4**	12:30 Bible study
Friday	**November 6**	12:30 Men's Luncheon
Sunday	**November 8**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Sunday	**November 22**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Decorate Sanctuary
Monday	**November 23**	9-12 Distribute baskets
Friday	**December 18**	Poinsettias order deadline

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Attendance Sunday: **26** Viewed on Facebook:**18**

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Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar