

# *E-Blast News*

January 04, 2026 – January 11, 2026

**Dear Saints,**

The 6th of January is Epiphany when we celebrate the star taking the wisemen to Bethlehem where the newborn Jesus lay. How the star stopped I am not so sure, but then I am not sure how the wisemen knew to follow and how they knew to give gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh?

It is a season of light that we celebrate on the Closest Sunday - January 4th this year. And we mark that the light brings us new knowledge, new perspective and new hope.

This Sunday we note the end of the Christmas season as we take down our Christmas decorations and seek to live the Light we have received.

May the light of Christ dwell in your heart.

**Yours in Christ,**

*Will*

***Please save the date!***

This Sunday (January 4) following the worship service, we will take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. Please make plans to join us to help and enjoy the fellowship as we 'wrap up' another Christmas season together.

## *A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*

Treasurer

## *Per Capita request*



The Session is requesting each congregational member consider giving their fair share of the Presbytery's per Capita cost this year. What that covers is the Presbytery's expense to govern and provide missions to congregations in their Presbytery.

In years past it was mandatory from each church based on church membership numbers, but in recent years it has been voluntary. The cost this year is **\$13.00** per member.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews marked *Per Capita*. Please feel free to use them or if writing a check write Per Capita in the message portion. Please place the envelope in the offering plate.

## *Card-making class*

Our first card making class of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00 am in the office duplex. Our first class was a big success, and I am hoping for another fun-filled class.

In order for me to make sure that I have supplies for everyone, it is necessary for you to **let me know if you plan to attend, no later than Friday, January 16**. Please call me at 558-2155 or text me at this number to make your reservation.

After our card class, those who wish to join us for lunch at MyShelly's may do so.

*Edith Wildt*

## *Send a card to Vivien*

While on her way home from trick or treating on Halloween night, Vivien Liszak was hit by a truck. One of her legs was crushed and the ankle on her other leg was broken. Vivien is at home, but would really enjoy some cards. Please consider sending this young lady a card to cheer her in her recovery. Her address is 225 Seasons St., Pt. Charlotte, FL 33953

## *Church Prayer List*

### **FPC MEMBERS:**

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

## FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaïne Adams, Diane Brantley, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Margaret White, Debbie Webb and Laurie York.

## MILITARY LIST:

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.  
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.  
CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

## *Look what's coming...*

**Sunday Jan. 4** 9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service  
Communion  
Paper Angels collection

**Note: We will be taking down Christmas decorations in sanctuary following this Sunday's worship service.**

**Wednesday Jan. 7** 12:30– Bible study  
Choir Practice will resume on Jan. 20. 2026 at  
3:00- Handbell choir  
4:00- Chancel Choir

**Friday Jan. 9** 12:30– Men's luncheon at Beef O' Brady's

**Sunday      Jan. 11**      9:45 Adult Sunday school  
10:30 Choir practice  
11:15 Worship Service

## **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

### ***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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**February 1 (next collection date)      January 12 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: plastic toothbrush holders any size and sanitary napkins**

### **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

**Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

**Next collection date**  
**January 18**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

**Celebrations**



***January birthdays***

Jan. 7- Addison Gill

Jan. 14- Becky Delahunty

Jan. 18- Polly Land

**Church Information**

**Attendance/Offering**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 43**

**Via Facebook: 25**

Offering: 12/21/25- \$2,890.00

Year to Date: **\$203,203.92**

12/28/25- \$17,551.00

**Contact information**

First Presbyterian Church  
20 N. Orange Ave.

Rev. Dr. Will Browne  
941-928-7504

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Closed 12-1 for lunch

Arcadia, FL 34266

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.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://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 call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

1. Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.