

Organized August 28, 1898

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**December 7, 2025**

## *Second Sunday in Advent*

*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.*

*\*Please stand if able*

*bold=unison*

*Welcome & Announcements*

Elder Dave Bremer

*Choral Introit*

*Prelude*

*Love Came Down at Christmas*  
Organist Mike Cooley

Traditional Irish melody

*Chimes*

*Call to Worship*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**In that place, 'the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,**

**the leopard shall lie down with the kid,**

**the calf and the lion and the fatling together,**

**and a little child shall lead them.**

Come, let us be glad and worship God.

*Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Responsive Blessing of Peace*

Elder Dave Bremer

*\*Hymn:*

"O' Come, O' Come, Emmanuel"

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## *Call to Confession*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

### *Prayer of Confession* (unison)

Merciful God, you sent your prophets to preach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation. We have not heeded the prophet's words. We have not repented. We have not responded with grateful thanks to your grace given us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, remake us, enliven us in peace that we may greet with joy the coming of our Savior and Redeemer. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### *Assurance of Pardon*

Hear and believe this good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

### *\*Gloria Patria*

"Glory be to the Father"

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*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*

### *First Lesson:*

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:4-7, 18-19

Elder Dave Bremer

### *Anthem:*

"Christmas is Coming"  
Chancel Choir

words & music Joel Raney

### *Second Lesson:*

Matthew 3:1-12

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

## *Prayer of Illumination*

*Sermon*

"Not a Viper's Peace "

### *\*Apostles' Creed*

Elder Dave Bremer

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:*

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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## *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Invitation*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

### *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer*

.....Now hear us as we pray the Lord's Prayer 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*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy  
mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength  
of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *\*Hymn:*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

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## *Celebration of Generosity*

### *\*Doxology*

*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*

## *\*Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

## *Postlude*

*The Power of the Lord*  
Organist Mike Cooley

David Paxton

***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:** Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Becky Delahunty, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

**FPC – Family/ Friends:** Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Debbie Webb, 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***

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

## *Church Information*

Attendance last Sunday: 38

Viewed on Facebook: 15

Offering 11/23/25: \$2135.00

Year to Date: **\$174,227.92**

11/30/25: \$1835.00

## *Church Directory*

First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia

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## *Church Office*

Monday-Friday 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Pastor – Dr. Will Browne: cell phone (941) 928-7504

Clerk of Session – Elder Jill Maassen

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

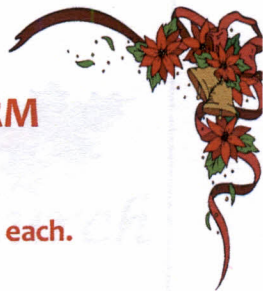
Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar

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

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Dec. 7</b>  | 9:45 Adult Sunday school<br>10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Dec. 3</b>  | <b>No</b> Bible Study/Duplex<br>3:00 Handbell Choir<br>4:00 Chancel Choir<br>Poinsettias delivered  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Dec. 5</b>  | 12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Dec. 14</b> | 9:45 Adult Sunday school<br>10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br><b>Sunday of Peace</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Dec. 14</b> | 5:00 Christmas Music program  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Dec. 15</b> | 5:30 Session mtg.   |

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Jill Maassen



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

*Order early!!*

The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$7.50 each.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettias placed in sanctuary

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for ordering poinsettias to appear in bulletin

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettias may be picked up following Christmas Eve service.

Order forms and donations may be dropped in the offering plates on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office.



**PLEASE PRINT**

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant(s) to be placed in memory or in honor of (please circle one):

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Number of plants @\$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church



# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory St.

*presents*

## **Christmas Music Program**

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 5:00 P.M.

*featuring*

Chancel and handbell choirs

Solos on guitar, flute, piano

Director of Music— Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist— Mike Cooley

*Refreshments follow in Pfrangle Hall*

