



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Prayer of Preparation

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and often we struggle to hold fast to hope. But in You, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life. By Your grace, teach us to live as Your Easter people, with mercy, compassion, and justice. Guide us with Your light, that in Your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise. Amen.

Choral Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Dave Bremer

Prelude

Organist Lew Cassels

Chimes

Call to Worship

Elder Dave Bremer

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on Him we build our lives.

We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

**Hymn:*

"Praise the Lord! Oh Heavens, Adore Him"

#17

Call to Confession

Elder Dave Bremer

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, You have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, You have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all You have said to us; we do not trust the way You have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to Your truth, open our eyes to Your way, and lead us into new life.

Assurance of Pardon

...Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**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 136:1-4, 23-26 Elder Dave Bremer

Anthem: "In This Moment" by Dale Wood
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 2:3-10 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "God's Mercy creates God's People"

**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:*

"Thou Art Worthy"

#126

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 Dave Bremer
Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord.
Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and savior. 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*

**Hymn:* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #358

**Charge & Benediction* Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude "Christ Is Risen" Organist Lew Cassels

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

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Look what's coming...

Sunday	May 3	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angel Collection
Monday	May 4	10:30 Bill's Paper Angel Distribution
Wednesday	May 6	12:30 Bible study
Friday	May 8	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	May 10	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Mother's Day
Thursday	May 14	7:30 Presbytery meeting

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 Mitzie McGavic

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 31
Offering: 4-26-26 \$1,445.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18
Year to Date: **54,088.27**

Church Directory

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar