

E-Blast News

September 14, 2025 – September 21, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

By a numerical coincidence which probably makes perfect sense to those with mathematical skills, this Sunday, 9 14 2025, is exactly 50 years of Sundays ago the from Sunday, 9 14 1975, on which I was ordained of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. For me this is big deal and I confessed that when I began my service as Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of East Brady, PA. The ordination took place in the Reynodlsville Presbyterian Church where my father was serving as Pastor and of which I was then a member. My mother, who had by then been a longtime missionary in India gave me the 'charge' for my upcoming ministry. Her charge was direct and delivered with a pointing finger that left me no escape. She charged me to tithe my salary and to take a day off - because I was mortal and no stronger than I needed to be.

I had not had any great expectations of the service. It was a necessary step forward if I was to serve the church. Yet the actual event floored me and changed me. I found myself empowered by the Spirit to gifts of ministry that had not previously been a part of my makeup.

I found I could overcome my nervousness and speak clearly to my congregation. I could come up with creative new ways to organize the church and I was made aware and grateful for the wonderful people who were the congregation I served. The wonderful people have been a part of every church I have served since and their gifts and service has been the heart of how those churches touched the communities in which they and I served God.

Finally, I discovered my ministry was about grace. People seemed, like me, to be very aware of their shortcomings and failure and sin. The hard part was to assure

them that God's grace was greater than our sin and that it was God's power, not my power or their power, that changed the church and the world.

Now, to my amazement, it is 50 years later and I am still a minister and still reliant on grace. I thank God that I serve with you as this part of Christ's body, the church. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Will

Staff support change

We have come to a time of change in our staff support for this congregation. Karen Cassel's health and family circumstances have changed, and she is no longer able to be our Office Manager. We are grateful for everything she has done for us. She has consistently been a happy, cheerful, hard-working and caring presence who really enjoyed all of you who are the church. We wish her well and pray for her health.

We realize, as we organize staff support for the future, that Karen played a number of roles for us. We will be coming up with a new job description to cover what we need done in the present time (not necessarily the same as we needed in the past). We will also be thinking about how that staff support is best configured for this time.

Again, we thank God for all that Karen did and meant to us and we pray God's continued blessing upon her always.

We would like to give her a Love Offering Gift from our church. We invite you to be a part of that gift by giving a check or envelope made out to the church with a memo "Love Offering for Karen." Please give your gifts by the first Sunday of October (10/5/25) by either dropping them off at the church, mailing them, or placing them in the offering plates.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

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

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Kathy Borsmann, Diane Brantley, Marsha McQue Browning, 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.
Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.
E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Sept. 14	10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service <i>The 50th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Will Browne's ministry</i>
Wednesday	Sept. 17	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell practice 4:00 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Sept. 19	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Sept. 21	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service Center for the Needy collection

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 always the 1st Sunday of the month.

October 5 (next collection date) September 22 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags. If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office or Sunday to church.

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)

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



September birthdays

- 04 Paulette Raschella
- 08 MaryAnn Treadwell
- 09 Linda Hollingsworth
- 13 Maybelle Lebbert
- Edith Wildt
- 22 Ken Pepper

Can you help?

Bill's Paper Angels is in need of plastic grocery bags. Please drop the bags off at the church office or bring them to church on Sunday.

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 25

Via Facebook: 41

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1775.00

Year to Date: \$ 113,678.41

August 31-

Sept. 7-

Contact information

Church Mailing Address:

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

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Will Browne 941-928-7504

20 N. Orange Ave.

863-494-4434

Arcadia, FL 34266

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.