



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

December 14, 2025

Third 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

"The Coventry Carol"
Organist Mike Cooley

arr. by Robert Hughes

Chimes

Call to Worship

Isaiah 35:1

Elder Marlou Zolkos

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing,

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

The First Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Hope.
The Second Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Peace.
On this Third Sunday of Advent we remember the joy Mary and how
the people felt on the coming birth of the Messiah.

***Hymn:**

“ O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

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

O Lord, we often wish faith came to us in blinding light and sure pronouncements and angel words. Forgive our hesitant faith and the times joy knows no home in us. Grant us Your grace. Make clear to us again Your gift of love. Free us that we might responds with joy as Your glad and faithful people. We ask this grace in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patria**

“Glory be to the Father”

#34

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 35:1-10

Elder Marlou Zolkos

Anthem:

“ Would I Miss The Miracle”

words by Pamela Stewart

Chancel Choir

music by Douglas Nolan

Second Lesson:

Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“A Messenger Sent Ahead of You”

**Apostles’ Creed*

Elder Marlou Zolkos

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:*

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#221

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

.....Let us as pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

“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”

Celebration of Generosity

**Doxology*

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*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:*

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

"A Joyous Noel"
Organist Mike Cooley

arr. by 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, Peggy Dees, 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, 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, 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

Look what's coming.....

Sunday	Dec. 14	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 5:00 Christmas Program
Monday	Dec. 15	10:30 Paper Angels 4:00 Session meeting (New Time)
Wednesday	Dec. 17	No Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell Choir 4:00 Chancel Choir
Friday	Dec. 19	No Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Dec. 21	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Center for the Needy collection

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

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 43

Viewed on Facebook: 20

Offering:

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

Church Directory

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Church Office

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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar