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# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**March 22, 2026**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

***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***

Living God, we come to You today in humility and need. We pray for life for our wounded souls, for our ailing communities, for our troubled nation, and for our hurting world. Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in courage and love. Let Your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live again as Your people, holy and whole, singing praises and serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Choral Introit***

**(Congregation is invited to join in)**

***Welcome & Announcements***

Elder Dave Bremer

***Prelude***

Organist Lew Cassels

***Chimes***

***Lenten Prayer***

(church of Scotland)

Elder Dave Bremer

Saviour of the world, though easier paths beckoned and friends pleaded with you to stay with them, You turned your face resolutely towards Jerusalem, determined to go all the way to Calvary. Take us with You now, Lord, and show us how through Your sufferings evil is conquered and the world is saved.

**\*Hymn:**

***"Lift High the Cross"***

**#287**

***Call to Confession***

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

## *Prayer of Confession*

(unison)

God of resurrection, We know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We struggle to believe in Your power to resurrect. We doubt your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths — however faint our call may be, we pray You hear our voice.

## *Assurance of Pardon*

. . . Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us His love and care.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *\*Gloría Patria*

“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 130

Elder Dave Bremer

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. <sup>2</sup>Hear my voice! Be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> Wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**<sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities**

*Anthem:*

Chancel Choir

*Scripture Lesson*

John 11 (selected verses)

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Sermon*

“Alive Again”

*\*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:*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

#257

## *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*

**#34**

### *\*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*

Elder Dave Bremer

### *\*Hymn:*

*“O Perfect Love “*

**#610**

### *\*Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

### *Postlude*

Organist Lew Cassels

***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, Jackie Harris, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell and Terry West.

**FPC – Family/ Friends:** Bobby & Charlaine Adams, Barbara Bennett, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Raedell Coogler, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Gina Green, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Tom & Sue Morgan, Kenny O’Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Sharon Shatney, Bob & Pam Simmons, Emmie Titus, 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***

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

# *Look what's coming...*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Fred Rogers' Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 25</b>	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 29</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service

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:26

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 3-15-26- \$93.27

Year to Date: **36,257.27**

## *Church Directory*

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## *Church Office*

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

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Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar