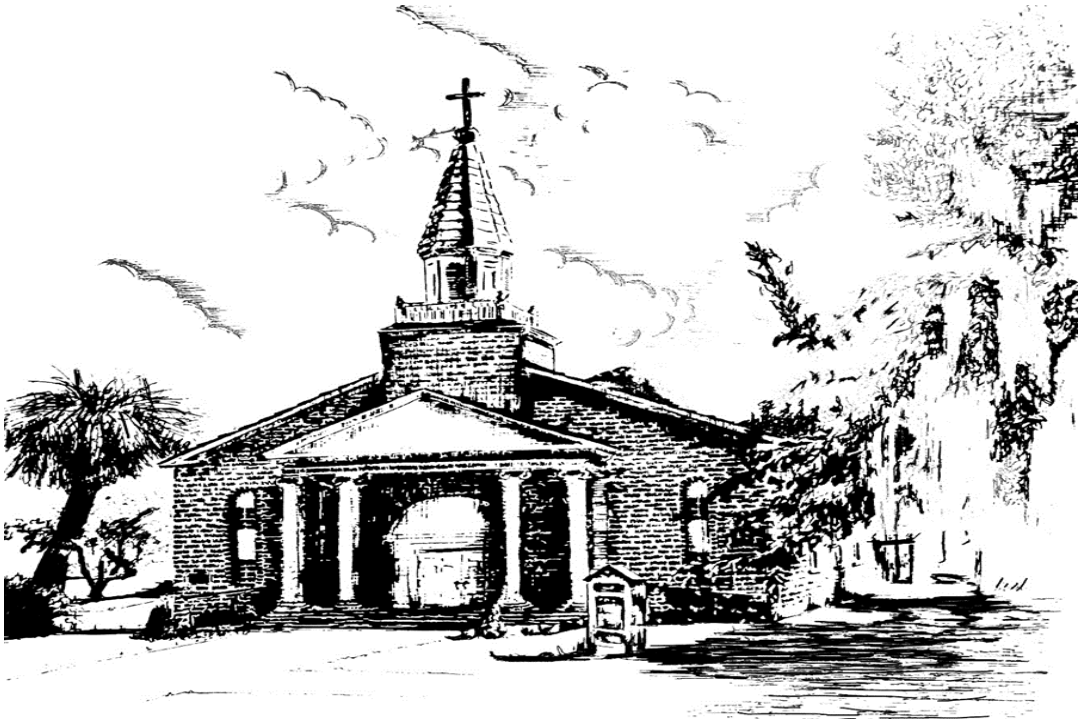




Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

(Silent prayer)

Spirit of mercy, we come to your fountain of forgiveness

to begin again. You offer a fresh drink, a new life. Though we are often critical of others and of ourselves, help us to accept that we are accepted. Meet us here in ways that we can understand, that we may be filled with the life only you can offer. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Prelude

"Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. Marvin Gaspard

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Mitzie McGavic

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Bless God's holy name.

God forgives. God heals.

God transforms with steadfast love.

Bless God's holy name.

****Hymn:***

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

#588

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**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 Exodus 14:19-31 Elder Mitzie McGavic

Special Music “How Beautiful” Joel Raney
Ellie Sutphin, flute Mike Cooley, piano

Scripture Lesson Psalm 114:1-8 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Mighty Deeds of Mercy and Grace”

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

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:*

"Jesus Calls Us O're the Tumult "

#345

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Let us 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*

#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*

Elder Mitzie McGavic

**Hymn:*

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

#358

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"
Organist Mike Cooley

Traditional Spiritual

*Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.
Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway as we
celebrate First Arcadia's 128th birthday!*

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: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrews, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Thomas & Jane Mooney, family of Lucky Muse, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and family of Cindy Trawick.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, family of Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, 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...

Sunday	September 13	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	September 14	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels Dist.
Tuesday	September 15	10:00 Card Class
Wednesday	September 16	12:30 Bible study
Friday	September 18	TBA
Sunday	September 20	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Ctr. 4 Needy

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: 25

Offering: 8-30-2026- **\$2,255.00**

9-06-2026- **\$3,380.00**

Viewed on Facebook: **18**

Year to Date: **\$104,345.44**

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Clerk of Session – Elder Mitzie McGavic

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar