



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

October 12, 2025

18th 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

We gather, O Lord, in celebration of your church which we are to and to which we belong. Help us appreciate all the gifts you have given us through which we can serve others. Let us share the joy we feel in the Gospel and look with eagerness for the growth of your church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Introit

Prelude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Welcome, Announcements

Elder Dave Bremer

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30:4-5, 12b)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones.

Give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment,

Give thanks to his holy name.

His favor is for a lifetime.

Give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger only for a night,

Give thanks to his holy name.

But joy comes with every morning.

Give thanks to his holy name.

O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks forever!

Let us worship God!

***Hymn:**

"America the Beautiful"

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Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Compassionate Christ, you sent us to love and care for the sick, yet we too often blame them for their circumstances. We focus more on our own comforts and anxieties than on the needs of those around us.

Forgive us for our hardened hearts and for forgetting your love. Let us know that in Christ we are forgiven now and made new. Melt our hearts with gratitude so that we may serve others with all humility and compassion.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patria**

"Glory be to the Father"

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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

Anthem

"Come Christians, Come to Sing"

Handbell Choir

First Lesson

Exodus 18:1-22

Elder Dave Bremer

Second Lesson

Acts 6

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

More Than They Thought He Was

**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:*

“ There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy ”

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Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

.....Now hear us as we pray the Lord's 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

**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:*

“ Wonderful Words of Life”

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**Charge and Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

***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, 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, Brenda Head, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Kenny O’Neal, Judy Onofri, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & 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 ; 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 Oct. 12 9:45 Adult Sunday school
10:30 Choir Practice
11:15 Worship Service
Handbells play

Wednesday Oct. 15 12:30 Bible Study/Duplex
3:00 Handbell practice
4:00 Chancel Choir practice

Friday Oct. 17 12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef

Sunday Oct..19 9:45 Adult Sunday school
10:30 Choir Practice
11:15 Worship Service
Collection for Center for the Needy

Monday Oct. 20 5:30 Session meeting

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Pastor Will Browne or Clerk of Session Jill Maassen

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday: 30

Viewed on Facebook: 40

Offering last Sunday: \$ 3,615.00

Year to Date: **\$ 139,583.62**

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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Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley