



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

March 15, 2026

Fourth 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

God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth. In the gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us intention and tenderness, so that we may witness to your work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope. 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you called us to be your disciples and go forward with you. As your disciples save us from false familiarity with your journey. May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small enough to fit our own and to walk in love and wonder behind you. Amen.

***Hymn:**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

#77

Call to Confession

Elder Dave Bremer

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we are blind to your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt your wisdom. Most of all, forgive us when we do not answer your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and mercy. Remake us in your grace. In Jesus, name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

....our whole lives long
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

**Gloria 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.**

**Hymn (First Lesson)* Psalm 23 Scottish Psalter #86

Anthem: "Because He Lives" arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson: John 9 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Blind shall See"

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Dave Bremer

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

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

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**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:*

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee “

#419

**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, family of Frank Gready, 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, 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

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	Mar. 15	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Collection 4 Needy
Monday	Mar. 16	10:30 Bill's Paper Angel distribution 5:30 Session meeting
Tuesday	Mar. 17	10:00 Card making Class Saint Patrick's Day
Wednesday	Mar. 18	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Friday	Mar. 20	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Fred Rogers' Day

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 McGavie.

Church Information

Attendance last Sunday:36

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 3-8-26- \$2,935.00

Year to Date: **\$36,164.00**

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 – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar