



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion

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

Eternal One, your breath gives life, your hands paint the skies, your love brings freedom, and your kingdom will endure beyond all generations to the ends of the earth. Let our mouths proclaim your praise and our hearts dwell on you alone, that we might shout, Hallelujah! to our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Choral Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Jill Maassen

Prelude

"Forest Green"
Organist Mike Cooley

Traditional English melody

Chimes

Call to Worship

Elder Jill Maassen

We gather with hope in our hearts,
for something happens here that teaches us God is present.

We know this place is sacred,
for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

We gather with joyful praise,
for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

**Hymn:*

"God is Here"

#1

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the law and the prophets, We do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and Deliverer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love;

God's grace is unending.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for this holy gift of grace!

**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 20

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Elder Jill Maassen

Anthem

"We Bring Our Thanks"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"The 'Shall' and the 'Shall Not'"

**Apostles' Creed*

Elder Jill Maassen

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:*

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" v.1,2,3

#96

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Communion Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

.....Now hear us as we pray 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"

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion (unison) Elder Jill Maassen

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebration of Generosity

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

**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*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

**Hymn:*

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

#508

**Charge & Benediction*

Postlude

"Rise Up and Serve the Lord"
Organist Mike Cooley

William Walter

*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: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

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

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	October 4	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angels
Wednesday	October 7	12:30 Bible study
Friday	October 9	12:30 Men's Luncheon at Myshelly's Restaurant
Sunday	October 11	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 Sunday: **32**

Viewed on Facebook: **18**

Offering: 9-13-2026- **\$ 1,875.00**

Year to Date: **\$113,870.44**

9-20-2026- **\$ 3,710.00**

9-27-2026- **\$ 3,940.00**

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 – Lew Cassels

Pastor's Secretary – Pam Omar