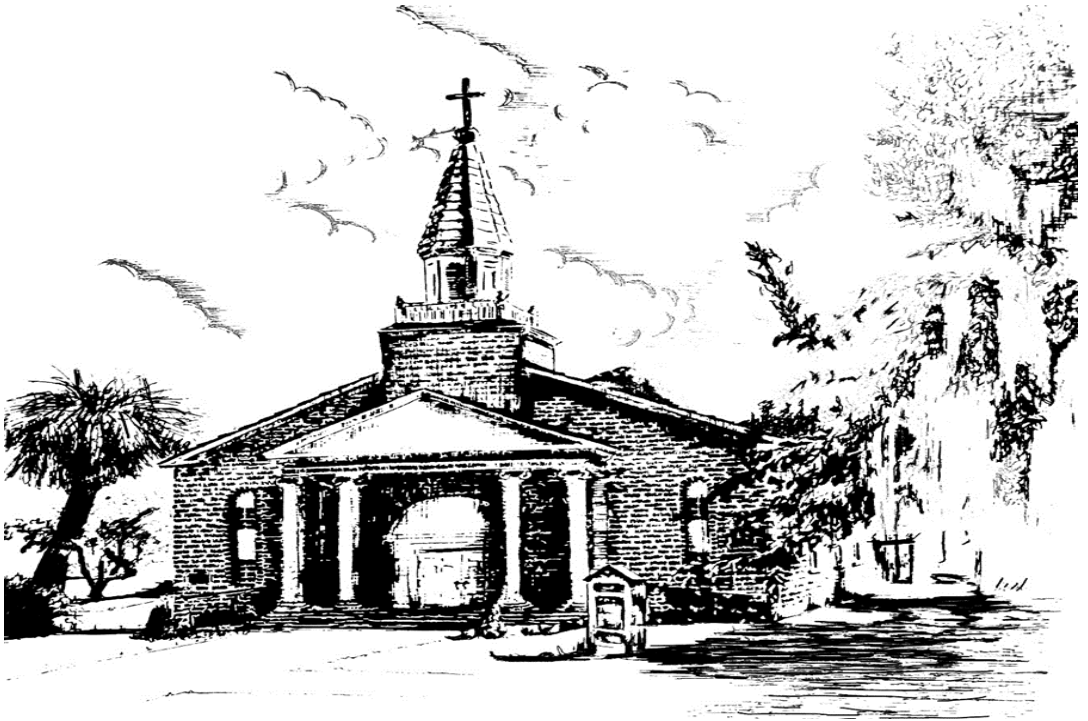




Organized August 28, 1898

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**July 12, 2026**

## *Seventh 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)

Almighty God, in you there are no shortages and nothing lacking. We thank you for giving us nourishment from your creation. Form and reform us by your word, that we may rejoice in your bounty and share the inheritance of abundance with others, all the days of our lives. Amen.

***Choral Introit***

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

***Welcome & Announcements***

Elder Dave Bremer

***Prelude***

Organist Lew Cassels

***Chimes***

***Call To Worship***

Elder Dave Bremer

God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

**and a light to our path.**

God's Word is made visible in Christ;

**in him we are rooted in truth.**

God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

**and lived out in faithful service.**

Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

**We wait to receive the Word of Life.**

**\*Hymn:**

*"This is My Father's World "*

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***Call to Confession***

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Confession* (unison)

O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky and refused to learn from the experience of others. We let the soil in which we grow be riddled with thorns. We have succumbed to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

*Assurance of Pardon*

...God has forgiven us

The Spirit of God dwells within us.

Thanks be to God!

*\*Gloría Patri*

“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.*

*Scripture Lesson*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Elder Dave Bremer

*Anthem*

Chancel Choir

*Scripture Lesson*

Isaiah 55:1-13

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Sermon*

“Row by Row”

## *\*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:*

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God "*

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## *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*

**#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*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

### *\*Hymn:*

*"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place "*

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### *\*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:** Jean Borsmann, Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, the family of Marilyn Stander, and Terry West.

**FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS:** Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, David Kersey, Lisa Letson, Julie & Amanda Nunez and Sharon Shatney.

**FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN:** Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Gina Green, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, 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

## *Look what's coming...*

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>July 12</b> | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service |
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>July 15</b> | 12:30 Bible study |
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| <b>Friday</b> | <b>No Men's luncheon during summer,<br/>will resume in September.</b> |  |
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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>July 19</b> | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br>Collection 4 Needy |
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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: 26  
Offering: 07-05-26-\$3,705.00

Viewed on Facebook:18  
Year to Date: **\$76,474.32**

## *Church Directory*

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## *Church Office*

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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