



Organized August 28, 1898

# *First Presbyterian Church*

209 W. Hickory Street  
Arcadia, Florida

**May 11, 2025**

*4th Sunday of Easter*

**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*

*Grant us, dear Lord, as we come to worship, an alert mind that we may see you; An attentive mind that we may hear you; A calm mind that we may trust you; A loving mind that we may set you above all else; And an eager mind that we may follow where your spirit leads; in Jesus name. Amen*

*Choral Introit*

*Prelude*

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

*Chimes*

*Welcome and Announcements*

Elder Dave Bremer

*Call to Worship*

Leader: *This is the day that the Lord has made*

**People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Leader: *Let us rejoice in the blessings we know in our lives.*

**People: *For the Lord is good and his mercy is everlasting.***

Leader: *Let us be glad in the presence of our God,*

**People: *for the Lord is near to those who call upon him.***

**\*Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**#358**

## *Call to Confession* (from Psalm 103)

Rev. Norman Pritchard

The Lord is merciful and gracious. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

## *Prayer of Confession* (unison)

**Eternal God you have blessed us with this life and bound us together in the bundle of living. Forgive us that we often find relationships hard. In our life at home we can be careless of those who love us, inattentive to their needs and forgetful of our need of them. In our life in church we can be willing to let others do the work and offer service only on our terms. In our life in the world we can be quick to judge and blame and slow to affirm or encourage. Forgive us, loving God, and bind us in the love of Jesus in all its giving, re-creating power. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

**Pastor:** Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**People:** **We believe the love of God. God loves us and forgives us.**

## *\*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.**

## *First Lesson*

Exodus 2:1- 10

Elder Dave Bremer

*Music*

Selected  
Flute Solo by Ellie Sutphin

*Second Lesson*

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Rev. Norman Pritchard

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Sermon*

"Remember Forward"

Rev. Norman Pritchard

*\*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.**

*\*Hymn*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**#40**

*Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer*

Rev. Norman Pritchard

**.... "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*

Rev. Norman Pritchard

### *\*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*

### *Closing Hymn*

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**#14**

### *\*Charge and Benediction*

Rev. Norman Pritchard

## *Postlude*

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

***Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Postlude.***

***Please join us for a time of fellowship 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, Ellen Davis, Wayne & Marilyn Gallant, Muriel Hall, Jerry Nathe, Marilyn Stander, LaVerne Townsend, MaryAnn Treadwell and Edith Wildt.

**FPC – Family/ Friends:** Bobby & Charlene Adams. Wayne Adams, David Allen, Diane Brantley, Amy Deming, Earl & Kay Frierson, Tripp Johnson, Donna Jones, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jacquelyn Lopez, Ian & Sandra McLauchlan, Keith Markey, Wayne & Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, Donna Stakey, Jerry Waters, and Margaret White. The family of LaVerne Townsend.

**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      May 11      9:45 No Sunday School**  
10:30 Choir Practice  
11:15 Worship Service

**Wednesday      May 14      No Bible Study**

**Friday      May 16      No Men's Luncheon**

**Sunday      May 18      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 Pastor Will Browne or Clerk of Session Jill Maassen

## *Church Information*

Attendance last Sunday: 22 Viewed on Facebook: 43

Offering last Sunday: \$ Year to Date: \$ **64,271.16**

## *Church Directory*

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## *Church Office Hours*

Monday-Friday 9 am -3:00 pm

Pastor – Dr. Will Browne: Cell phone (941) 928-7504

Clerk of Session – Elder Jill Maassen

Director of Music – Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist – Mike Cooley

Sound Technician – Elder Tyler Maassen

Treasurer – Elder Edward Maassen

Office Manager – Karen Cassels