



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

July 26, 2026

Ninth 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)

O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life. There is nothing that can separate us from your enduring love. Move us out, draw us close, and keep us steady, that we might serve you all the days of our lives. All glory, power, dominion, and majesty are yours from eternity to eternity. Amen.

Choral Introit

(Congregation is invited to join in)

Welcome & Announcements

Elder Jill Maassen

Prelude

"Hyfrydol"

arr. Lani Smith

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Call To Worship

Elder Jill Maassen

Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.

We will tell of God's wonderful works!

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

We will sing God's praises!

Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

***Hymn:**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Spirit, intercede . . . when we fall short of your glory; when we do not deserve your promises; when we do not act like those who have been called your family. Spirit, intercede . . . when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do. Spirit, intercede . . . break forth into our lives; forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

...Hear and believe this good news!
Thanks be to God!

**Gloría 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 Matthew 13:31-33 Elder Jill Maassen

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:26-39 Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "If God is for us..."

**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:*

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less "

#405

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:*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#569

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

Postlude

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”
Organist Mike Cooley

arr. Adam Mason

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, Jackie Harris, family of Marilyn Stander, and Terry West.

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

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, 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

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Look what's coming...

Sunday	July 26	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	July 29	12:30 Bible study
Friday		No Men's luncheon Will resume in September.
Saturday	August 1	11:00 Marilyn Stander Memorial Service
Sunday	August 2	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angel collection

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: 28

Offering: 07-19-26-\$ 4,295.00

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Year to Date: **\$85,479.44**

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