



Organized August 28, 1898

First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory Street
Arcadia, Florida

May 18, 2025

5th 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

Gracious Father, your wisdom is beyond knowledge and your love beyond all telling. You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you. Satisfy the longings of our hearts, that we may find you in life and find life in you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Choral Introit

Prelude

Selected

Organist Mike Cooley

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Jill Maassen

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all he lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is he that made us and we are his.

Leader: Give thanks to him; bless his name

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn**

“Amazing Grace!”

#422

Call to Confession (from Hebrews 4:14-15) Rev. Norman Pritchard

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, we acknowledge in your presence that we are not the people you are calling us to be: our faith wavers in its conviction; our hope withers before difficulty and our love often wanders from its goal: forgive us, we humbly pray. Renew us by your Spirit and, in your goodness, give us the faith that fears nothing, the hope that dares anything and the love that grows from your deep love for us, as seen in Jesus' death and resurrection. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: God has forgiven us and we rejoice in God's mercy.

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.

Anthem

Selected

First Lesson

Psalm 139: 1-6

Elder Jill Maassen

Second Lesson

John 21:15-23

Rev. Norman Pritchard

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"The Heart of Faith"

ev. Norman Pritchard

**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.

**Hymn*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#473

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

**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, MaryAnn Treadwell and Edith Wildt.

FPC – Family/ Friends: Bobby & Charlaine 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.

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 18	9:45 No Sunday School 10:30 Choir Practice 11:15 Worship Service Collection for the Center for the Needy
Monday	May 19	10:00 Bill's Paper Angels 5:30 Session Meeting/Duplex
Wednesday	May 21	12:00 Bible Study/Duplex
Friday	May 23	12:30 Men's Luncheon/Reef & Beef
Sunday	May 25	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: 26 Viewed on Facebook: 43
Offering last Sunday: \$ Year to Date::\$ **64,271.16**

Church Directory

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Church Office Hours

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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