



*I am the vine, you are
the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in
them bear much fruit . . .*

John 15:5, NRSV

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Stockton, Texas
11:00 a.m., April 28, 2024

ORGANIST:	Doni Whigham
MUSIC LEADER:	Ken Ripley
LITURGIST:	Darlene Stegall
SOUND AND VIDEO:	David Garrison
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER:	Ann Hurt
TEACHING ELDER:	Dr. James R. Miles
LEAD ACOLYTE:	
ACOLYTES:	

THE PRELUDE:

The light of Christ precedes us and awaits us as we worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE:

INTROIT NO.719: “Love One Another” *Songs of Faith and Praise*

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

UNISON:

Leader: We come to worship with joy, trusting God’s holy word will inspire us.

All: We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit’s blessing.

Leader: May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

A TIME OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

HYMN NO. 464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Presbyterian Hymnal

*** A CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** THE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

SILENT PRAYER

UNISON: Almighty God: you have lifted up our Lord Jesus from death into life eternal, and set him over men, women, and nations. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world, and been careless of others. Forgive us, O God, and lift us out of sin. Make us those who live to praise you, and to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is King of the world and head of the church his body. **Amen.**

*** THE KYRIE ELEISON.** “Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.”

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

LEADER: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*** THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 579** “Glory Be to the Father”

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.**

UNISON READING: Psalm 1

Pew Bible, pp.602

CALL TO PRAYER NO. 726 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Songs of Faith and Praise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LISTENING FOR GOD, AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER..... 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.

RESPONSE: "Amen"

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

*** THE 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME:

*** HYMN NO.272 "God of the Sparrow "**

Presbyterian Hymnal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 4:7–21

Pew Bible, pp.292-293

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1–8

Pew Bible, pp.133-134

SERMON

*** A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

1 In life and in death we belong to God.
2 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
3 the love of God,
4 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
5 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
6 whom alone we worship and serve.
7 We trust in Jesus Christ,
8 fully human, fully God.
9 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
10 preaching good news to the poor
11 and release to the captives,
12 teaching by word and deed
13 and blessing the children,
14 healing the sick
15 and binding up the brokenhearted,
16 eating with outcasts,
17 forgiving sinners,
18 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
19 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
20 Jesus was crucified,
21 suffering the depths of human pain
22 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
23 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
24 vindicating his sinless life,
25 breaking the power of sin and evil,
26 delivering us from death to life eternal.
27 With believers in every time and place,
28 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
29 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
30 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*** HYMN NO. 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

Presbyterian Hymnal

We bear the light of Christ into the World

BENEDICTION

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Spirit Song"**

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love, Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you and his spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

*** POSTLUDE:**

*** Those who are able are invited to stand.**

2024	2025	2026
Angie Miles	Wayne Dyess	Phil Chamberlain
Geneva Ripley	Rhonda Gollither	Gail Kincaid
Jimmy Stephens	Ken Ripley	Natalie Kincaid
CRE Ann Hurt, Trustee	Ken Ripley, Trustee	Phil Chamberlain, Trustee
	Sue May, Elder Emerita	
	Commissioned Ruling Elder: Ann Hurt	

The Presbyterian Women encourage you to join their text group! If you would like to be notified of upcoming events involving the PW please call Linda at the church office (336-3346) and give her your number. You will also need to download the app called Whatsapp. If you need help with that you can also ask Natalie Kincaid (719-331-3713), SuSu Dyess (940-3801) or the church office.

A Note from Theresa Wright: Thank you so much for the sweet gift to celebrate my 40th Anniversary. The folks at FPC Fort Stockton have always been a blessing to me.

This year's VBS and youth celebration will be held June 10th -June 12th

Thank you to everyone who helped with our food distribution.

Mark your Calendars early for the VBS BBQ Fundraiser set for May 19th from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Drive thru "to go" plates available. Proceeds from this event help pay for activities such as crafts, snacks, and music for each child.

No Potluck for the month of May!

Bank Balance in all General Fund Accounts:
Balance on February 28: \$ 405,024.97
Intake March: \$ 15,667.72
Outflows March: \$ 18,329.98
Balance on March 31: \$ 402,362.71

Apr 2024						
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First Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2024 - May 5, 2024

MONDAY 4/29	9:00 AM Cherub's Day
TUESDAY 4/30	
WEDNESDAY 5/1	9:00 AM Cherub's Day 5:30 PM Care Circle 7:00 PM Youth Group
THURSDAY 5/2	
FRIDAY 5/3	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Group
SATURDAY 5/4	
SUNDAY 5/5	8:30 AM Sunday Worship 9:45 AM Focused Care Nursing Cener 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday Worship: In Person, on KFST Radio, Facebook, and Youtube