

For Our Guests & Members

Welcome!

To better serve our newcomers, we ask that guests please fill out a Visitor Card* located in the pews in the sanctuary and at the Connection Center in Schumann Hall. Cards may be placed in the offering trays or given to an usher or minister.

New Member Classes

Find out what we stand for, why we do things the way we do, and meet the ministers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of First Protestant Church should contact Mae Kraft, Volunteer Coordinator, at X52 in the church office.

God Answers Prayer

If you or someone you know needs prayer**, please fill out a Prayer Request Card* located in the pews in the sanctuary and at the Connection Center in Schumann Hall.

If you would like to be added to the E-mail please contact chuck@firstprotestant.com.

Parking Information

As a courtesy, we reserve the curbside parking on Coll St by the sanctuary and the drive-thru parking area by the school for the elderly, handicapped, or those who require assistance. There is always an Ambassador there to greet and offer assistance. Also, we discourage parking on the curbside in front of Seele Parish Hall for the safety of the children going in and out.

Media Outreach

All posters, flyers, or literature posted on the bulletin boards, Connection Centers, or distributed on church grounds must be approved by the church office. All requests for approval must be made by noon on Wednesdays to be posted by church staff on Fridays. Entries for the Sunday bulletin must also be submitted by noon on Tuesday for the upcoming Sunday.

Nursery

We offer a staffed nursery for age birth through 3 years old in the FP School area during the 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday morning services. Please see an usher for assistance.

Closed Doors, Open Arms

It is necessary to keep doors in all FPC buildings closed so that our AC/Heating systems will work properly. Please don't let these closed doors make you think you are not welcome! Everyone is welcome to stay comfortable at FPC!

*All info on Prayer & Visitor cards is kept confidential.

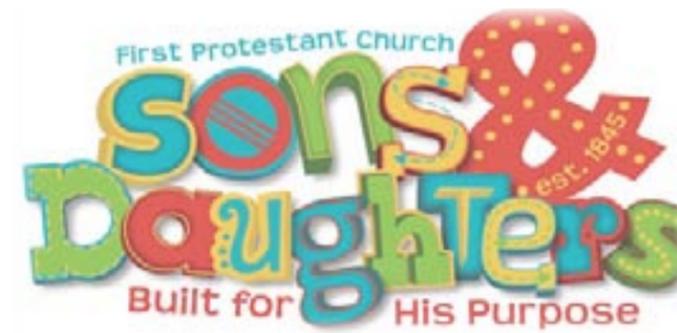
**There is no longer a local switchboard at Christus Santa Rosa-NB. All the calls are routed through San Antonio. Therefore it is IMPERATIVE that family, friends and loved ones call FPC church office or notify the pastors of any hospitalizations.

Be sure and check out our website:

www.firstprotestant.com



During this time, while we're counting our blessings, remember those who struggle to make it day to day. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, let's fill up our baskets every week for those who need a hand-up and volunteer when able to spread the love of Christ during this holiday season.



Wednesday, December 19th... Caroling with Merge students to our church members that are homebound. Please meet at the church by 4:30 pm to help make cookies, if you can. We will load our church vans by 6:00 pm and will be back at the church by 7:30 pm. Wear some Christmas attire!

December 23rd, 9:00-11:30: Breakfast birthday party for Jesus. Wear your pj's, drink hot chocolate and keep Christ in Christmas - Seele Parish Hall.

December 30th: No Sunday School or Children's Church.

January 6th: Sunday School and Children's Church resumes

January 9th: Mid-week "Wednesday with the Word" resumes. Our new study series will be, "Kid's Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm" from 6:00-7:30 pm in Seele Parish Hall.

Many thanks to all who donated items or money for our shut-in Christmas bags.

The bags are now in the corridor ready for pick up and delivery.

1. Take an address card.
2. Take a bag(s).
3. Take a potato soup, if indicated.
4. Deliver some Christmas cheer to our shut-in members!

Please contact Jill Rodriguez with any questions, 830-609-7729 X 13



The Band of Brothers will gather on December 18th at 6:30pm at 2370 Brittany Grace to conclude the study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Session 6). For more info, call Rob Miller at 210-573-5253.



Sunday School: 6th-12th grade, 9:00 am and Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm! Merge Room.



Contact: Ms. Boettger
amboettger@fpc.com - Call 281-787-4311 for all details !!

Help beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season!

I would like to order # _____ solid red poinsettias _____ in honor of: _____ in memory of: _____

Honoree(s) _____

Given by _____

Please return this form to the church office with your payment. Poinsettias may be picked up after last Christmas Eve service.

\$10.00 each
Deadline for ordering December 15, 2018



Sunday 12/9/18 ~ Lessons and Carols
2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Ephesians 2:14-18

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Lessons & Carols
 Merge - 6th-12th grade - Merge Room
 Sons & Daughters Sunday School - Seele
 Faithful Servants - Bride's Room
 Kingdom Seekers - Handbell Room
 SENT Advent Class - Heritage House
 CALM Sunday School - Conf. Room

10:30 am Traditional Worship - Lessons & Carols
 Contemporary Worship - Schumann Hall
 Children's Church - Seele Parish Hall

Monday 12/10/18 ~ Psalm 141:1-4; 2 Kings 8; Acts 2:14-28

Tuesday 12/11/18 ~ Psalm 141:5-10; 2 Kings 9; Acts 2:29-47

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study - Christmas Party
 2:00 pm Moms in Prayer - Conference Room

Wednesday 12/12/18 ~ Psalm 142; 2 Kings 10; Acts 3:1-10

11:30 am FPC Staff Christmas Lunch - Off Campus
Church Office will be closed 12-4pm

6:00 pm Merge Youth - Schumann Hall
 Sons & Daughters - Seele Parish Hall
 Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday 12/13/18 ~ Psalm 143:1-1-6; 2 Kings 11; Acts 3:11-26

Friday 12/14/18 ~ Psalm 143:7-12; 2 Kings 12,13; Acts 4:1-12

Saturday 12/15/18 ~ Psalm 144:1-4; 2 Kings 14; Acts 4:13-22

11:00 am *Women's Ministry Christmas Tea - Schumann Hall*

Sunday 12/16/18 ~ Phil. 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 Merge - 6th-12th grade - Merge Room
 Sons & Daughters Sunday School - Seele
 Faithful Servants - Bride's Room
 Kingdom Seekers - Handbell Room
 SENT Advent Class - Heritage House
 CALM Sunday School - Conf. Room

10:30 am Traditional Worship - Lessons & Carols
 Contemporary Worship - Schumann Hall
 Children's Church - Seele Parish Hall



Jesus Is Presented in the Temple
 21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.

22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.
 23 The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." [a] 24 So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." [b]

The Prophecy of Simeon
 25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.
 30 I have seen your salvation,
 31 which you have prepared for all people.
 32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

33 Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. 35 As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

The Prophecy of Anna
 36 Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. 37 Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. [c] She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. 38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.
 39 When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. 40 There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Staff Contact Information	
172 West Coll Street - New Braunfels, TX 78130 Phone (830) 609-7729	
Rev. Daryl Higgins - Senior Minister daryl@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 16
Rev. Phil Brown - Executive Minister phil@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 20
Rev. Chuck Huckaby - Minister of Congregational Life chuck@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 18
Rev. Ardie Kendig - Worship & Prayer Minister AK-FPC@PEOPLEPC.COM	830-708-4438
Denise Marshall- Director of Children's Ministry denise@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 26
Jill Rodriguez - Director of Lay Ministry jill@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 13
Dr. Joey Martin - Director of Music & Fine Arts JoeyMartin512@gmail.com	512-787-2269
Sheenae Hernandez-Garcia - FP School Director sheenae@firstprotestant.com	606-4110 Ext. 12
Doreen Schaeffer - Business Manager doreen@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 21
Jerald Schroeder - Director of Operations jerald@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 19
Mae Kraft - Volunteer Coordinator mae@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 52
Melanie Gillum - Administrative Assistant melanie@firstprotestant.com	Ext. 10

This Sunday

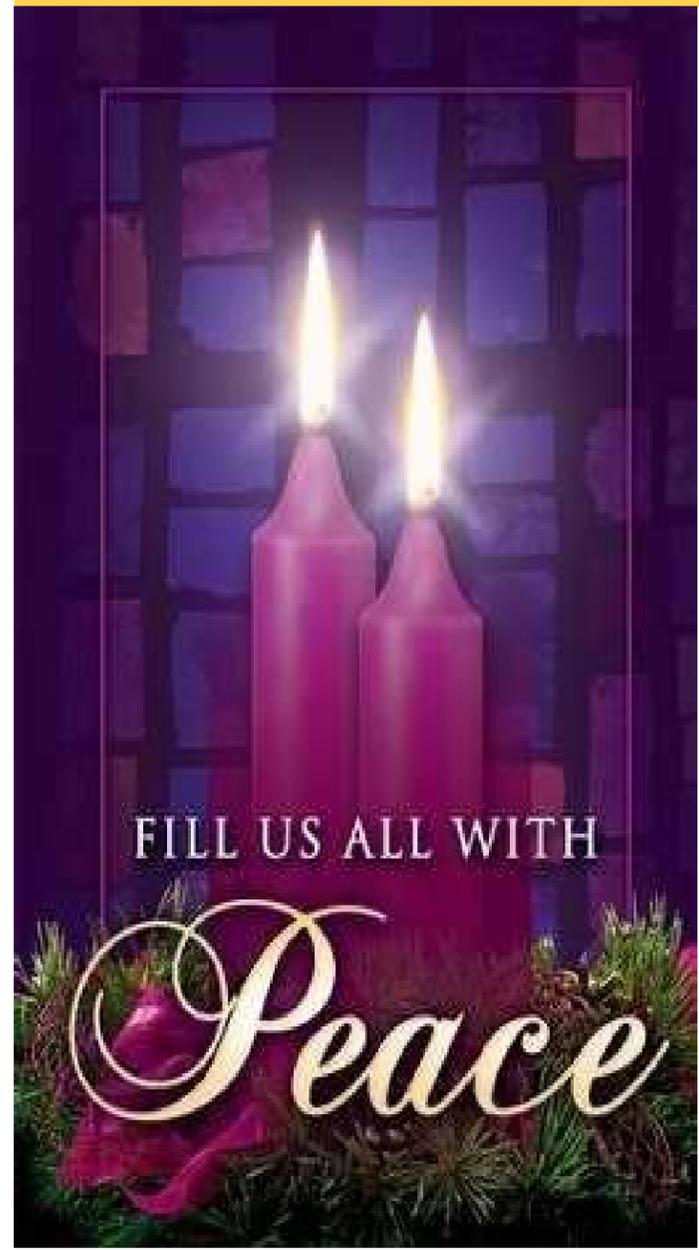
Prayer partners and the prayer bench are available for personal prayer at any time during the worship service.

Sunday December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

<p>Traditional "The Child Who Takes All The Anger Away" Rev. Daryl Higgins Philippians 4: 4-7</p>	<p>Contemporary "Seeking God: The Magi" Rev. Phil Brown Matthew 2:1-12</p>
--	---



December 2, 2018
Contemporary Service
 10:30 am



Where Everybody is Somebody
And Jesus Christ is Lord