

Worship

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King ~ arr. Joshua Evanovich

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

Blessed Are They
FPC Sanctuary Choir

***Hymn (#325)** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Sharing of Fellowship

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 at the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One Holy Universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn (#142)** *Gloria Patri*

Service of Prayer

Anthem

Footsteps ~ Craig Courtney
FPC Sanctuary Choir

Message

Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-18
Dr. D.M. "Woody" Woodward

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

In Christ There Is No East or West ~ Stewart Landon

***Hymn (#382)** *Doxology*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Service of Communion

(We celebrate Open Communion--you need not be a member of FPC to celebrate with us. Wafers and wine will be served in the trays during communion, but if you would be more comfortable with the individual cups, they will be available when you leave the service. The inner ring of cups contain white grape juice.)

***Hymn (#318)** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Blessing

Postlude

Fanfare on ST. THOMAS ~ Douglas E. Wagner

**Denotes when you may stand*

Opportunities

FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH PRESENTS

DESTINATION

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UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13

Date: August 9th - 13th
Time: 3-6 pm
Ages: 3 years old to 5th Grade Graduates

Scan the QR Code for quick and easy registration for participants and volunteers.

VBS Needs You!

Our enrollment has topped 100 kids and we're needing 6 additional volunteers. We also have an opportunity for sponsorship or preparation for 2 meals available, if you'd like to help in that way. Help us to make this the best VBS experience our children have ever had. To volunteer, you can sign up online by scanning the QR code above or just call the church office and talk to Noel or Tyler.



Come walk and pray with us **Sole Prayers**

We'll meet at Carl Schertz Elementary, on Saturday, August 7th at 9:00am. For more info, contact Judy Borger at 830-708-9953.

This Week

Wednesday	Flying Fingers - Craft Room, Church Office	9:00am
	The Stream (Youth Group) - Bormann Rm	6:00pm
Sunday	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	9:30am
	Discipleship Classes	9:30am
	Discipleship Classes	10:50am
	Contemporary Worship - Schumann Hall	11:00am

Looking Ahead at Upcoming Events

8/5	VBS Work Day
8/9 - 8/13	Vacation Bible School
8/15	Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday
8/29	Back to School Event
9/1	Wednesday Night Family Ministry begins
9/12	Contemporary Worship at Krause's
9/21 - 9/26	Comal County Fair, Parade is 9/24
9/26	Rodeo Sunday - Unified service at 10am in the Sanctuary followed by a BBQ lunch in Schumann Hall.
10/8	Family Movie Night
10/24	GIC21 Be the Light: Fuel the Light!
11/2	Family Hike and Picnic
11/14	Contemporary Worship at Krause's
12/4	Parents' Night Out

This Sunday

The radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Nell and Al Leissner by Carole and Layton Leissner.

Live Streaming on firstprotestant.com
9:30 Traditional / 11:00 Contemporary

IPM Process Update We are now in Stage 2: ASSESSMENT—Analyze Church Information. This stage should be completed by summer’s end. Here are the tasks we will accomplish in this stage (I have struck through the tasks we have completed):

- * ~~Form Transition Team~~
- * ~~Administer church health survey.~~ Results should be available in 2 weeks.
- * ~~Review church documents (vanderBloemen, Don Turner, study and revise constitution, employee handbook, Strategic Growth Committee Report of 2012-13)~~
- * ~~“Why Churches Struggle” exercise (done)~~
- * ~~Explain the significance of the “Life Cycle” Assessment~~
- * ~~Administer a Journey Wall exercise (Transition Team & Council together)~~
- * Clarify mission, vision, values. Our revised mission statement is ready for public consumption after Council approval.
- * Assess leadership, organization/decision making process
- * ~~Do a SWOT analysis (done)~~
- * Write an assessment report
- * Present the assessment report to the Council, then the congregation, then the EA national minister, Jim Barnes.

At the completion of Stage 2, we will create some task forces to work on the issues surfaced in the assessment. We need to make some progress before we can create a Pastor Search Committee. We need to make our church more attractive to potential candidates as Don Turner mentioned in his assessment. In our recent survey, the answer to question 96: “Congregational Unity—This church is highly gifted at bringing their people to agreement and harmony even when there is controversy or the need for change in the church” resulted not only in our lowest raw score (11%), but also our lowest normed score as compared to national norms. The national norm is 57%, which means we are 2.3 standard deviations below the norm. Our lack of unity hinders church effectiveness.

Of course, this low score begs the question, “Why are we so low?” The most obvious reason is we had a contentious failed pastoral candidacy last March. Another reason is we’ve experienced massive staffing changes. How can we fix this? Each of us should examine our hearts to determine if there is any root of bitterness or lack of forgiveness. Let's work on talking to each other instead of about each other (which is gossip). I understand that Council must earn your trust, but bear in mind this is a very different Council from the Council of a year ago. So when people ask, “When can we start the Pastor Search Committee?”, the answer is, “We still have some serious business to do.”

Honoring New Braunfels Musical Talent

First Protestant Church is proud to announce a musical program honoring three young extraordinary pianists, all residents of New Braunfels.

This event is sponsored by “First Protestant’s Women’s Ministry” and the program under the direction of Sharon Weidemann.

Performed by: Seth Underwood Age 16
 Ryan Lopez Age 15
 Gavin Remo Age 16

These three honorees are all New Braunfels High School students. All three play various instruments and are involved in the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio Philharmonic, Wind Ensemble, various musical camps such as University of Texas Jazz camp, Texas Lutheran Summer Percussion camp, high school Jazz band and Baylor Summer Piano camp.

Music of quality makes demands on our attention, it deserves more than casual listening, as it is a language of extraordinary power and sensitivity. Great music allows us to experience the emotions of artists, some who have long since left us. These young men will be performing pieces by Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, Beethoven, Bach and contemporary selections.

Please come and join us for a fun innovative afternoon honoring these three magnificent young pianist.

Place: **First Protestant Church**
 172 W. Coll Street
 New Braunfels, TX 78130
 (Corner of Seguin and Coll St.)

Date: **Sunday, August 22, 2021**

Time: **2:00 P.M.**

Refreshments will be served following the performances.

For further information, please contact:
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 830-302-0495
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172 W. Coll Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130
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August 1, 2021
Traditional Service
 9:30am

Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord

Communion Sunday

Eat of that Bread
Drink of that Cup