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# Sermon Notes

## Those Who Draw Near.... Shepherds

Luke 2:15

**Prelude**  
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" - FPC Children's Handbell Choir

**Welcome** - Pastor Andrew Keuer

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of PEACE**

**Call to Worship**

"Still, Still, Still" - arr. R. Shephard  
FPC Children's Choir with Nava Burroughs, piano

**Sharing of Fellowship**

\* **Hymn (#179)** "The First Noel" verses 1,2, 6

**\*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.

**Gloria Patri "Kyrie"** from Mass of St. Timothy by M. Maher  
The congregation should echo the cantor on the phrase  
"Kyrie Eleison and "Christe Eleison"

**Service of Prayer** - Suzanne Bridges

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Using debts and debtors*

**Hymn (#183)** "I Wonder as I Wander"

**Scripture Reading** - Luke 2:15 - Chris Beabout

**Anthem**

Messiah, Part 1 Chorus: "And the Glory, the Glory of the Lord"  
by G.F. Handel - FPC Sanctuary Choir

**Sermon** - Pastor Andrew Keuer

"Those Who Draw Near: Shepherds"

**Offertory**

"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" by Jack Schrader

\* **Doxology (#171)** "Joy to the World" vs 1

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **Hymn** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Nights"  
*Alternate Lyrics on printed opposite*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

\* *Denotes to please stand, if able*

To find notes and discussion questions on this week's and previous week's sermons, click on the QR code to the right or go to [firstprotestant.com/sermon-study/](http://firstprotestant.com/sermon-study/).  
New material posted weekly, at noon on Monday.




**THOSE WHO DRAW NEAR**  
CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH

DEC 1ST: "ANGELS" (LUKE 2:13-14)  
 DEC 8TH: "SHEPHERDS" (LUKE 2:15)  
 DEC 15TH: "THE HOLY FAMILY" (LUKE 2:16)  
 DEC 22ND: "ANIMALS" (LUKE 2:16)  
 DEC 24TH: "JESUS THE MESSIAH" (LUKE 2:10-12)  
 DEC 25TH: "ALL WHO HEAR" (LUKE 2:18)

**CHRISTMAS BAGS ARE READY**  
**COME BY SCHUMANN HALL**  
**TODAY AFTER THE SERVICES**  
**AND PICK UP THE BAGS YOU CAN**  
**HELP DELIVER!**  
**SEE JANICE, OUR DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRY AT**  
**THE TABLE AS YOU SIGN UP TO DELIVER.**

FPC MISSION BOARD PRESENTS  
**MISSIONARY ANGEL TREE**  
 FIND THE ANGEL TREE IN SCHUMANN HALL  
 OR NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE SANCTUARY  
 AND CHOOSE A PRE-ADDRESSED CARD TO A MISSIONARY  
 ADD A FAMILY PICTURE, A NOTE, A PRAYER & A STAMP.  
**THAT'S ALL IT TAKES!**  
 HELP US BLESS OUR MISSIONARIES THIS CHRISTMAS.

\* **Hymn** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Nights"

1 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.*

2 *"Fear not," said he for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind "glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.*

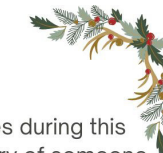
3 *"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line a Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:*

4 *"The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger laid."*

5 *Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:*

6 *"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; to those on whom his favor rests goodwill shall never cease."*

## Christmas Music Offering



Consider making a special gift to help with the extra worship opportunities during this Christmas season. These offerings can be made in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, and those names will be listed in our special Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please use the tear out below designating your gift for special Christmas Music & place in the offering. Or donate online and designate the gifts to music, adding the names for your memorial or thanksgiving in the notes section online. Gifts will be listed with both the name of the memorial or thanksgiving and the name of the giver(s). Each gift is greatly appreciated and will be recorded on your giving record at First Protestant.

All thanksgivings and/or memorials received by Thursday, December 19th will be included in our Christmas Eve bulletins.



MEMORIAL  THANKSGIVING \$\_\_\_\_\_Amount of Gift

In the Name of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Looking Ahead

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

@ FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

ONE MORE WEEK  
NOV. 11TH - THEN HOLIDAY BREAK  
UNTIL JAN. 8TH

4:00 - 5:30 GAME TIME  
5:00 - 6:00 DINNER (\$5 DONATION)  
5:30 - 6:15 YOUTH BAND PRACTICE  
6:15 - 6:30 GATHERING IN SCHUMANN HALL  
6:00 - 7:00 HANDBELL PRACTICE  
6:30 - 7:30 PROGRAMS  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN THE WELL  
YOUTH IN THE BORMANN ROOM  
PASTOR'S STUDY IN THE CHAPEL  
7:00 - 8:00 CHOIR PRACTICE



DECEMBER 12-15  
SHOW TIMES  
THURS DEC. 12TH - 6:00 PM  
FRI DEC. 13TH - 7:00 PM  
SAT DEC. 14TH - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
SUN - DEC. 15TH - 2:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE IN SCHUMANN HALL BETWEEN SERVICES



### HANDEL'S MESSIAH

#### LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

JOIN US FOR HANDEL'S MASTERPIECE COMPLETE WITH THE FIRST PROTESTANT CHOIR, SOLOISTS, CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, AND A SING-ALONG HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

DECEMBER 22, 2024  
9:30AM SERVICE

FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH  
172 W. COLL STREET  
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130

### Participate in our Nativity Pageant!

Rehearsals: Dec. 8, Dec. 15 @ 11am  
ATTENDANCE REQUIRED  
Performance: Dec. 22 at 11am  
Contact Kirsten Boyd

For unto us a child is born!

## FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024 LESSONS AND CAROLS 9:30 AM "HANDEL'S MESSIAH" NATIVITY PAGEANT 11:00 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 2024 FAMILY SERVICE 10:00AM
CHRISTMAS EVE   TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2024 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 3:30PM, 5:30PM, & 7:30 PM LIVE NATIVITY 4:30 PM	SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2024 COMBINED FAMILY SERVICE 10:00AM
	SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025 EPIPHANY PAGEANT 9:30AM & 11:00AM

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## 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES NEXT SUNDAY DEC. 15

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CHANGE THEIR PHOTO OR BE ADDED TO THE ONLINE DIRECTORY

SCHUMANN HALL DURING BRUNCH OR CONTACT CELESTE SALGE

## Sunday School

### Sundays, 9:30am Adult Sunday School Classes

The River Rats! (Heritage House, 1st floor) - Rodney Fischer

### Sundays, 9:30am Youth Sunday School Classes

Middle School (Bormann Room) Jodi Butler

High School (Bormann Room) Adam Burroughs

### Sundays, 11:00am Adult Sunday School Classes

Faithful Servants (Heritage House upstairs) – Lynn Herr

Legacy Builders (Heritage House main level) – Celeste Salge

Kingdom Seekers/C.A.L.M. Class (Heritage House upstairs)

Wayne Wise, Chris and Kristi Beabout

Young Family Class (Heritage House) - Dustin Williams and Nick Allen

## Mid Week Groups

### Band of Brothers (B.o.B.s) – Steve Stillman 512-797-9017

The B.o.B's meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Open to men of all ages, 6:30-8:00PM in the Well at FPC. No bible experience necessary. Please join us.

### Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study - Kaye Polston 214-616-9608

The Women's Bible Study is a diverse group of all ages and denominations. We meet every Tues. morning at 10 am in the church office. We welcome all women to join as we seek to expand our faith and knowledge.

### Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study - Sue Saur 830-708-0302

### Flying Fingers (Heritage House) - Sally Voges 830-708-8707

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 for a time of sewing, quilting, fellowship & more! Contact Sally Voges for more info.

## Home Groups

Susan and Tim Thomas - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm [timcthomas84@gmail.com](mailto:timcthomas84@gmail.com)

## Today

*This week's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Katherine & Hylmar Karbach, Sr. and John Leissner Given by Carole & Layton Leissner*

*Altar flowers are given in memory of her parents, Andy and Mary Ann Anderson on what would have been their 73rd anniversary on Dec. 15th by Kathy Anderson*

*Our 9:30 & 11:00 am services are Live Streamed on [firstprotestant.com](http://firstprotestant.com). The 9:30 am service is rebroadcast on a week delay at 10:30 am Sunday mornings on AM1420 and 103.1FM.*

*If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, Please contact the church office. 830-609-PRAY*

*There are available dates for radio sponsorships and flower acknowledgement in 2025. Check the flower calendar in Schumann Hall or email [office@firstprotestant.com](mailto:office@firstprotestant.com) for more info and availability*

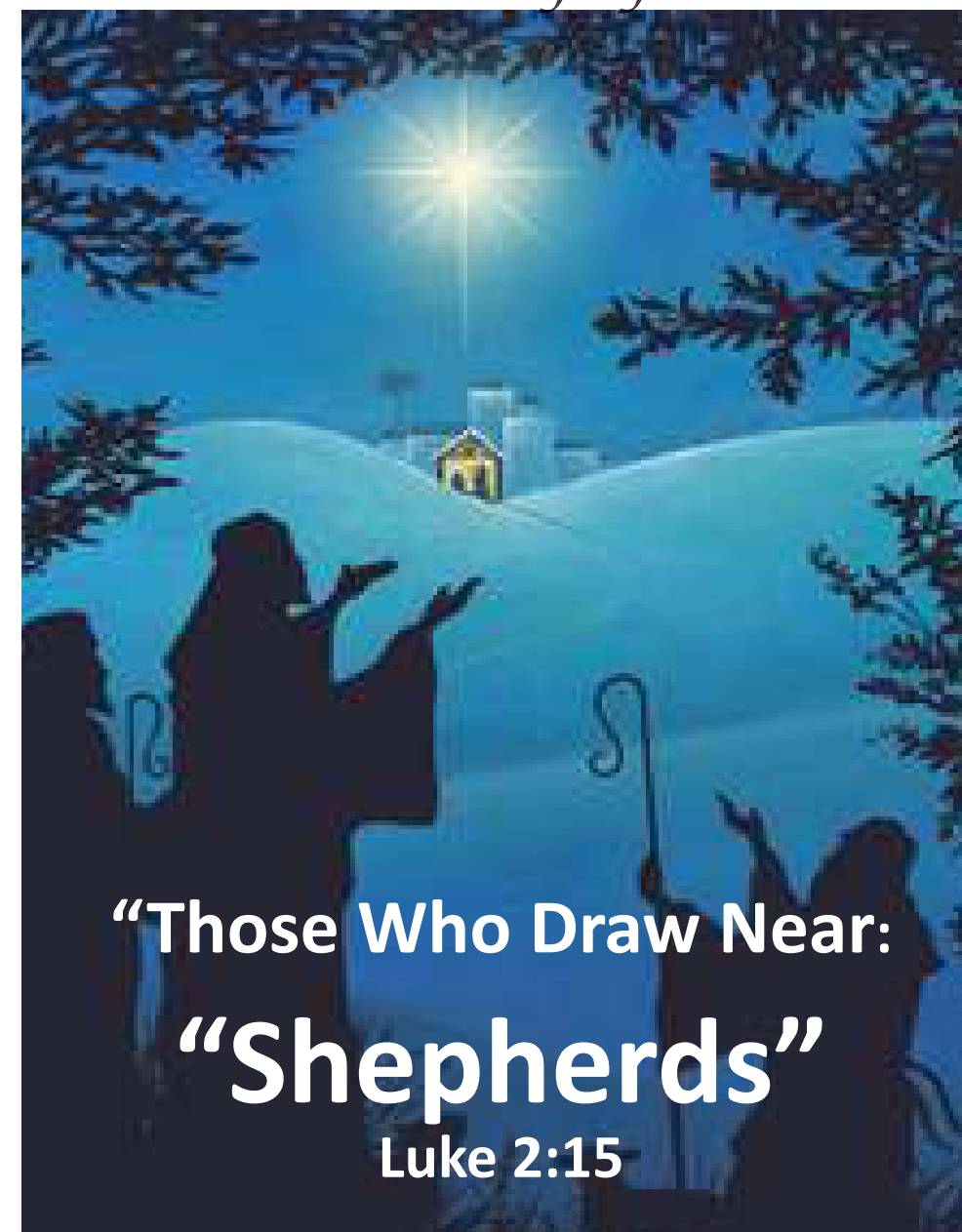


# FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

172 W. Coll Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
(830) 609-7729

December 8, 2024

First Service - 9:30 am  
Second Sunday of Advent



“Those Who Draw Near:  
“Shepherds”  
Luke 2:15