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# Sermon Notes

## Those Who Draw Near: "The Holy Family"

Luke 2:16

**Prelude**  
"I Saw Three Ships" - Traditional English Carol  
Children's Angel Choir with Nava Burroughs

**Welcome** - Pastor Andrew Keuer

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of JOY**

**Call to Worship**

"Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"  
from "The Whole Booke of Psalmes", 1621

\* **Hymn (#166)** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**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.

**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** - Laura Nuhn

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Using debts and debtors*

**Hymn (#180)** "What Child is This"

**Scripture Reading** - Luke 2:16 - Micah Keuer

**Anthem**

"Christmas Angels Medley" arr. Dan R. Edwards  
FPC Handbell Choir

**Sermon** - Pastor Andrew Keuer

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**Offertory**

*Messiah, Part 1 Air: "Ev'ry Valley"* by G.F. Handel  
Michael Lee-Kapsalis, tenor

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

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\***Hymn (#197)** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

**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)

FIRST PROTESTANT  
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024

LESSONS AND CAROLS 9:30 AM

"HANDELS MESSIAH"

NATIVITY PAGEANT 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE | TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2024

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES  
3:30PM, 5:30PM, & 7:30 PM

LIVE NATIVITY 4:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 2024

FAMILY SERVICE 10:00AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2024

COMBINED FAMILY SERVICE 10:00AM

SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025

EPIPHANY PAGEANT 9:30AM & 11:00AM





## FIRST PROTESTANT MISSIONS

Presents

### CHRISTMAS IN UGANDA:

December 22, 2024

Stories from the field

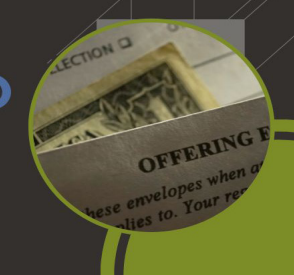
by Loren Thomas

Next Sunday during Brunch



PLEASE SEE BACK  
COVER FOR YEAR-END  
GIVING OPTIONS.

All 2024 gifts must be postmarked  
or delivered to the office by  
Tuesday, Dec. 31st.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

2024

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

SCHUMANN HALL  
DURING BRUNCH OR CONTACT CELESTE SALGE

FIRST PROTESTANT MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH LESSONS & CAROLS

SINCE ITS DEBUT NEARLY THREE CENTURIES AGO, HANDEL'S MESSIAH REIGNS UNCHALLENGED AS THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION OF HOLIDAY JOY.

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

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 22, 2024  
9:30AM SERVICE

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

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

@ FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH

A SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

### RETURNING WITH PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES ON WEDNESDAY

## JANUARY 8TH

FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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## Holiday Closures

### Office Closed

December 25th - 27th  
January 1st & 2nd

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



**SOLD OUT SHOW TODAY**

## Gift Options to FPC

Calendar year 2024 is soon to end. Do you have tax issues? Would an income tax deduction moderate these issues? If so, please consider a gift to FPC through the following options:

**Gifts by Check:** When writing a check, the gift is complete when the check is mailed. So, as long as you mail it by Dec. 31st, you can deduct it for the current year even if the charity does not cash it until the next year, as long as it is postmarked the 31st.

**Pledges:** If you have made a pledge in a given year, or given a personal note, you cannot deduct this as a charitable contribution in that year unless you actually satisfy the pledge by December 31st.

**Gifts of Appreciated Property:** Gifts of property that would result in a capital gain, if sold, produce even greater benefit for you than gifts made in cash, by check, or by credit card.

**Gifts of Loss Property:** Loss property is property that would generate a tax-deductible loss if you sold it. When you give the property to charity, you lose your deduction for the loss. However, when you sell the property, you can take the loss as a deduction, and then use the proceeds of the sale to make your deductible charitable gift.

**Gifts of Stock:** A gift of stock to a charity is considered complete, and thus deductible, when either (1) the stock certificate is endorsed over and mailed to the charity, or (2) ownership of the stock certificate is changed to the charity on the books of the corporation issuing the stock.

For questions or help, please contact Doreen Schaeffer in the church office at 830-609-7729 x 121.

Today

*This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by members and friends of First Protestant Church*

*Altar flowers are in honor of the birthdays of Clinton Brandt who will be 92 on Dec. 18th and his Wife Doris Brandt who will be 93 on Dec. 22nd Given by their family*

*Our 9:30 & 11:00 am services are Live Streamed on 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*

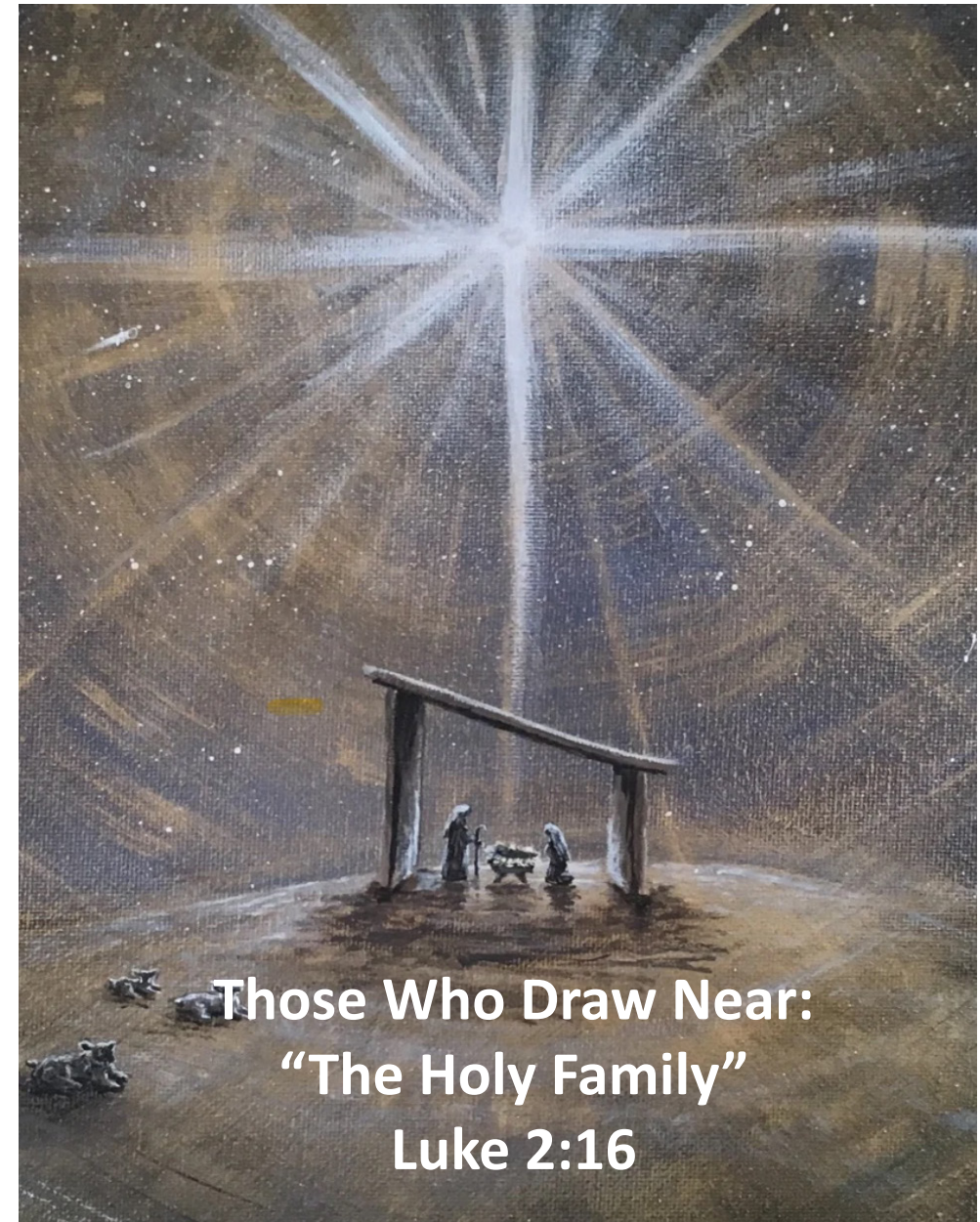
*There are available dates for radio sponsorships and flower acknowledgement in 2025. Check the flower calendar in Schumann Hall or email office@firstprotestant.com for more info and availability*



**FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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

December 15, 2024  
First Service - 9:30 am  
Third Sunday of Advent



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