

IF YOU'RE A GUEST TODAY, PLEASE FILL OUT A GUEST CARD OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ONLINE GUEST FORM.



Sermon Notes

Those Who Draw Near: "The Holy Family"

Luke 2:16

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/. 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)

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

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of JOY
The Fischer Family

Greet One Another

Songs of Praise
"Here I am to Worship"

Prayer & Scripture Reading - Luke 2:16 - Kolette Palacios

Songs of Praise
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
"Holy Forever"

Sermon
Those Who Draw Near: "The Holy Family"
Pastor Andrew Keuer

Responsive Song
"Noel"

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Dismissal Song
"Trust In God"

FIRST PROTESTANT
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024
LESSONS AND CAROLS 9:30 AM
"HANDELS MESSIAH"
NATIVITY PAGEANT 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 2024
FAMILY SERVICE 10:00AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2024
COMBINED 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, JAN. 5, 2025
EPIPHANY PAGEANT 9:30AM & 11:00AM

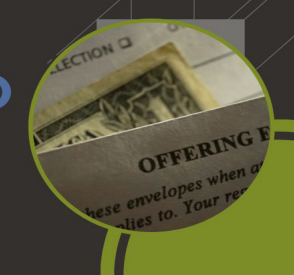


FIRST PROTESTANT MISSIONS
Presents
CHRISTMAS IN UGANDA:
December 22, 2024
Stories from the field
by Loren Thomas
Next Sunday during Brunch




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.

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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

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HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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January 1st & 2nd**

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Happy New Year**

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Pageant Ever**

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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

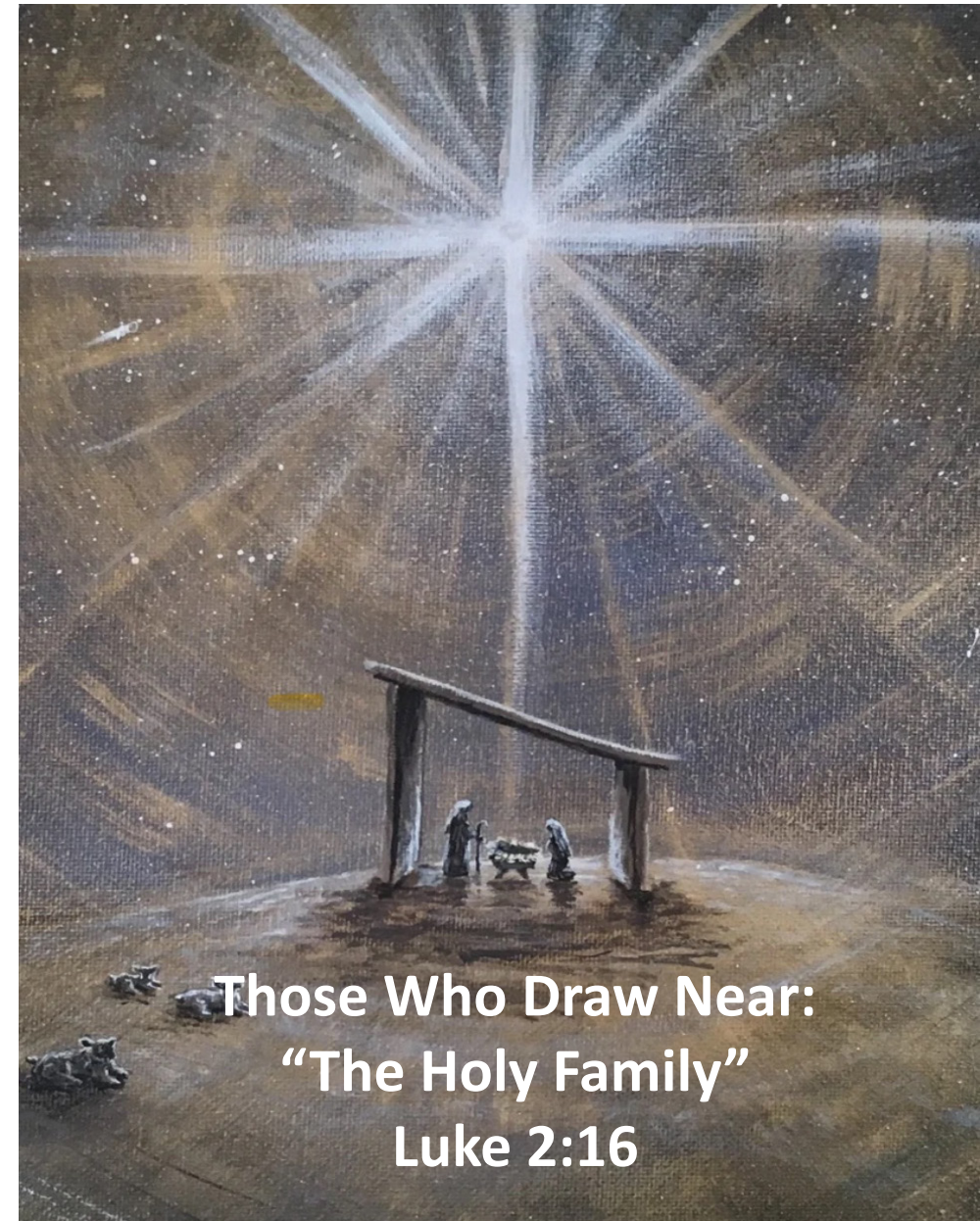
There are available dates for radio sponsorships and flower acknowledgement in 2025. Check the flower calendar in Schumann Hall or email office@firstprotestant.com for more info and availability



**FIRST PROTESTANT
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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*December 15, 2024
Second Service - 11:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent*



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"The Holy Family"
Luke 2:16**