



Welcome

Welcome to the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels for this special service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The first Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held 144 years ago in Truro Cathedral (Cornwall, UK) by Bishop Benson (December 24, 1880). The Lessons (Bible readings) trace the great history of God's redeeming work from humanity's fall in Genesis until the coming of Jesus as Savior. The Carols reflect these same great themes, helping us celebrate and rejoice in Jesus, born that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

We pray that through word and song, prayer and reflection, you are drawn ever closer to the Christ of Bethlehem; marveling at his great salvation and rejoicing in the hope of eternal life he brings.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Keuer, Senior Minister

Musicians

Kirsten Boyd, Director of Music & Arts
First Protestant Sanctuary Choir
Robyn Blanchard, conductor

Lynn Ledbetter, Brian Gum, Cristal Martinez, & Vastian Sitler, violin
Ames Asbell & Elizabeth Rojas, viola
Karla Hamelin & Erika Money, cello
Andrea Beyer, bass
Erin Mallard, oboe
Dan Orban, trumpet

All special musical selections are from
Messiah by George Frideric Handel

PRELUDE

Prelude: 1. Sinfonia

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

Jeff & Tammy Albrecht and Danny & Tracey Procknow

* Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

Please remain seated until the 2nd verse.

V1. - Solo, Ruby Good

*1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Opening Prayer

Carol - Air: Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted

Michael Lee-Kapsalis, tenor

First Lesson from Genesis 3: 8-15; 17-19

Reader: John Milam

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

Carol - Chorus: And the Glory of the Lord

Second Lesson from Genesis 22: 15-18

Reader: Ellen Milam

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Carol - Air: But Who May Abide

Andrew Asante, bass

Third Lesson from Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

Reader: Dustin Williams

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Carol - Chorus: And He Shall Purify Fourth Lesson from Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Reader: Mandy Williams

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. A shoot shall come
out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Carol - Air: Comfort Ye

Michael Lee-Kapsalis, tenor

Fifth Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 1: 26-35; 38

Reader: Kurt Anderson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Carol - Air and Chorus: Oh Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

Maria St. Clair, mezzo soprano

Sixth Lesson from Luke 2: 1; 3-7

Reader: Jay Brewer

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. In those days a decree went out from Emperor
Augustus that all the world should be registered, and they laid him in a manger.

Carol - Chorus: For Unto Us a Child is Born

Seventh Lesson from Luke 2: 8-16

Reader: Rich Boyd

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol - Chorus: Glory to God

Eighth Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew 2: 1-12

Reader: Jackie Schneider

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol - Air: Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion

Hillary Schranze, soprano

Ninth Lesson from the Gospel of John 1: 1-14

Reader: Leroy Hardy

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

* Hymn - Chorus: Hallelujah Chorus (congregation and choir)

Blessing

Postlude

* Denotes to please stand, if able.

The musicians for Lessons & Carols are
sponsored with special thanks to
Jackie & Charlene Nolte and the Frueholz Music Fund



LOOKING AHEAD



FIRST PROTESTANT
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CHRISTMAS EVE | TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2024
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 3:30PM, 5:30PM, & 7:30 PM
LIVE NATIVITY 4:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY | WEDNESDAY, 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

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS
@ FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH

RESUMES JAN 8TH >>>> THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

ALL OTHER WEEKLY SCHEDULED CLASSES BEGIN ON MONDAY, JAN 6TH

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

2025 ADULT FELLOWSHIP BUNCO PARTY

SATURDAY, JAN. 11TH
\$5 PER PERSON
POT-LUCK MEAL / PRIZES AWARDED
5-8PM - SCHUMANN HALL

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

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

Today

This week's radio broadcast is in memory of James O. Hagan, Jr. by Wife and Children & their families

The flowers on the altar are given by Barbara Dean, Praying for many blessings to all for the coming New Year.

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

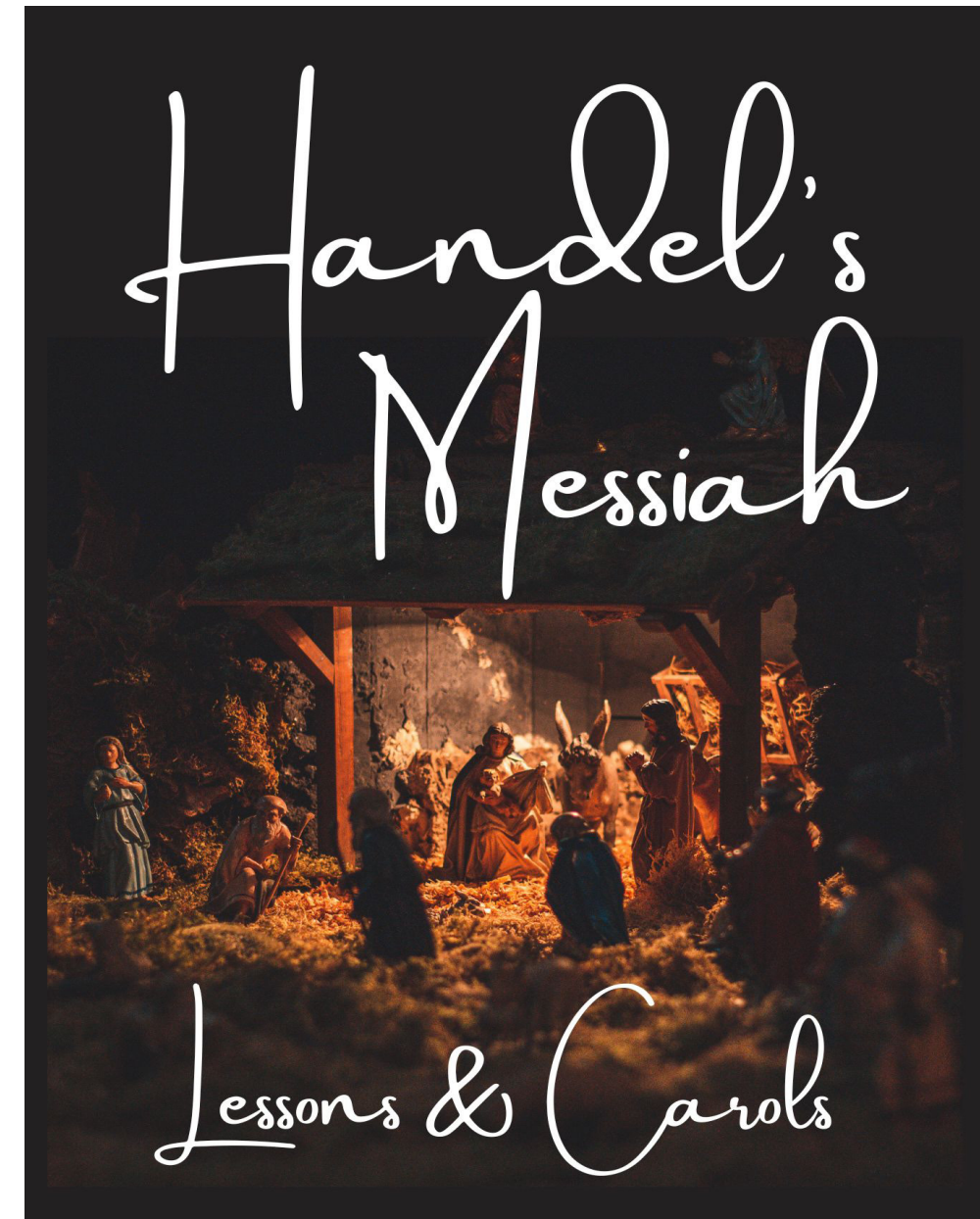


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172 W. Coll Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130
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December 22, 2024
Lessons & Carols - 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Handel's Messiah



Lessons & Carols