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# Sermon Notes

## Those Who Draw Near: "Animals"

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/](http://firstprotestant.com/sermon-study/).  
New material posted weekly, at noon on Monday.



Opening Song  
"Yes I Will"

Welcome & Announcements

Nativity Pageant - Sing along to "Silent Night" (V.1)

Lighting the Advent Candle of LOVE  
The Polston Family

Greet One Another

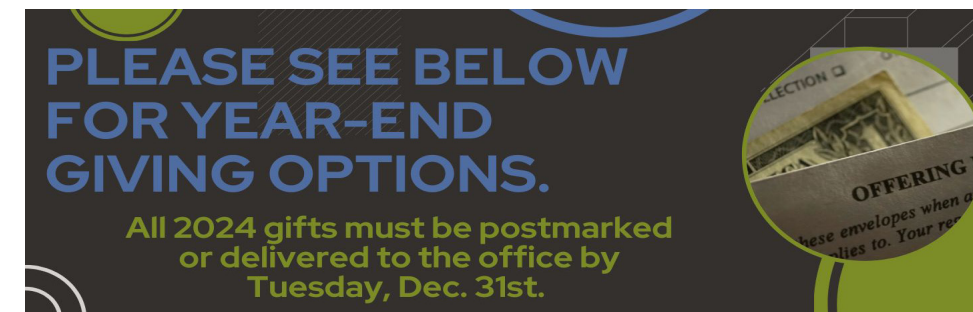
Songs of Praise  
"The First Noel"  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Prayer & Scripture Reading Luke 2:16 - Jack Fischer

Sermon  
Those Who Draw Near: "Animals"  
Pastor Andrew Keuer

Responsive Song  
"The Blessing"

Closing Prayer and Blessing



## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**FIRST PROTESTANT**  
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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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**Holiday Closures**  
Office Closed  
December 25th - 27th  
January 1st & 2nd

**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](mailto: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](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

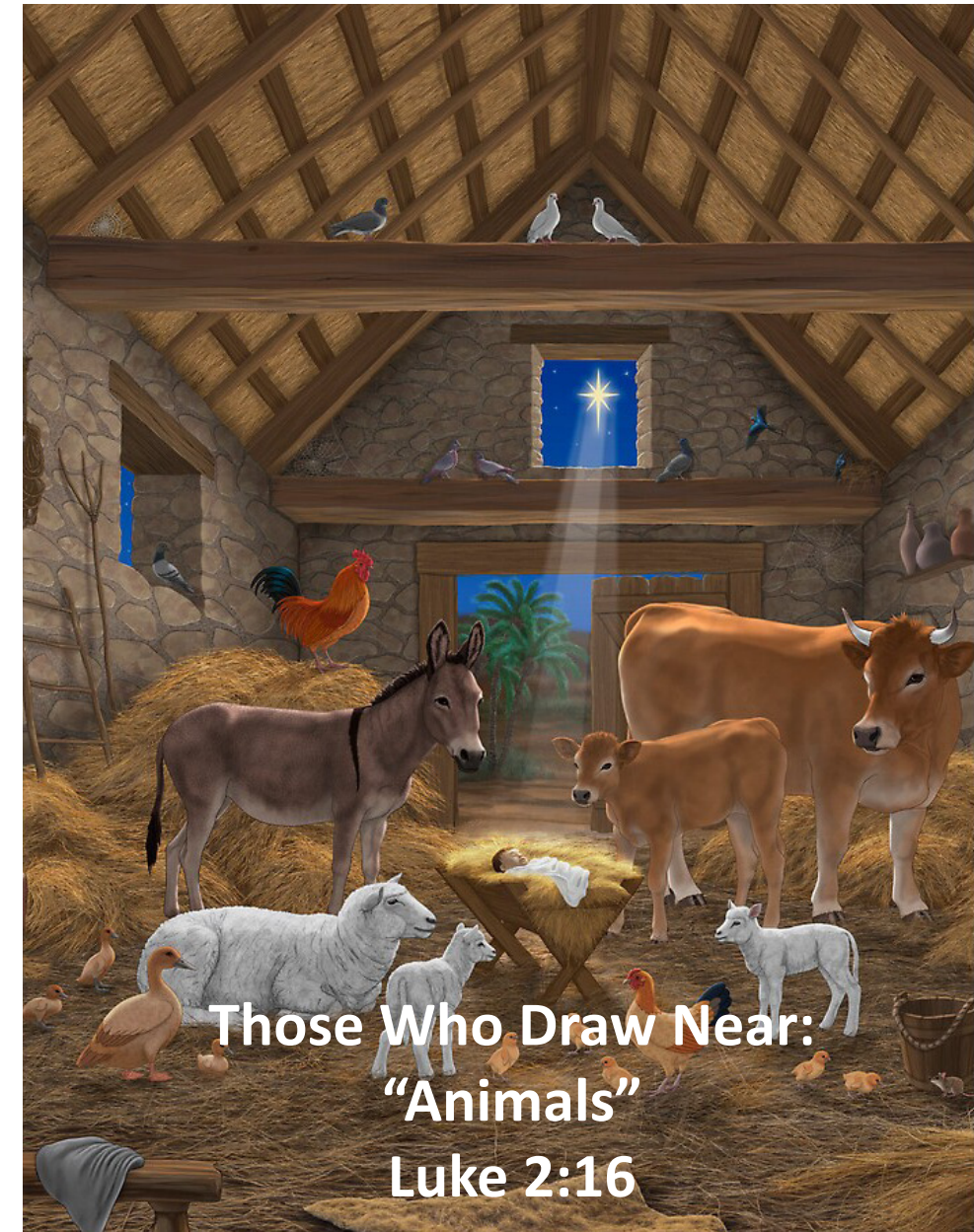
There are available dates for radio sponsorships and flower acknowledgement in 2025. Check the flower calendar in Schumann Hall or email [office@firstprotestant.com](mailto:office@firstprotestant.com) for more info and availability



# FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

172 W. Coll Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
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December 22, 2024  
Second Service - 11:00 am  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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