

IF YOU'RE A GUEST TODAY, PLEASE FILL OUT A GUEST CARD
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Sermon Notes
SERMON SERIES - Stories of a Watchful Church
"Eager to Serve the Master"
Luke 12:35-40 (p.737)

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/.



ADVENT 2025 SERMON SERIES:
"STORIES OF A WATCHFUL CHURCH"

NOV. 30 PREPARED TO HONOR THE HOST
MATTHEW 25:1-13
DEC. 7 EAGER TO SERVE THE MASTER
LUKE 12:35-40
DEC. 14 WORKING TO RETURN WITH INTEREST
MATTHEW 24:45-51
DEC. 21 LOOKING TO SPOT THE SIGNS
MATTHEW 24:32-35

Prelude - Children's Handbell Choir
Welcome - Pastor Andrew
Lighting of the Advent Candle of PEACE
Kurt & Jenn Andersen & Elliot
Choral Call to Worship
"The Feed Box Carol" by R. G. Huff & C. Berry
FPC Sanctuary Choir & Children's Choir with Robyn Blanchard, flute
Sharing of Fellowship
***Hymn #169** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Service of Prayer - Suzanne Bridges
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"
Scripture - Luke 12:35-40 (p.737) - Terry Gibson
Anthem - "Oh Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"
from Messiah with Maria St. Clair, mezzo-soprano
Message - "Eager to Serve the Master"
Rev. Dr. Andrew Keuer
Offertory
"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" arr. M. Hays
Andrew Asante, baritone
*** Christmas Doxology #171 verse 1** - "Joy to the World"
*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**
***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.

Invitation and Communion at the Lord's Table
Service of Communion
Hymn - "Let Us Break Bread Together" (lyrics on screen)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Using debts and debtors
***Hymn #177** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Blessing
Postlude

Annual Budget Forum

Option #1 **TODAY NOON - SCHUMANN HALL**
Option #2 **WEDNESDAY, DEC 10TH 6:30 PM - HERITAGE HOUSE**
(In place of Pastor's Study)

Hosted by: Board of Finance Chair & Council Treasurer.
To review with any interested congregants the 2026 Budget that will be proposed for congregational approval at the annual meeting.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 14th
Sanctuary 11:45am

FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025 12:00 NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

Church Facility Input Committee

A committee of congregants is being formed, and Pastor Andrew invites any interested members who would like to be part of that discussion to contact the church office.

This is a 3-4 meeting commitment, aiming to complete its work by mid-January 2026, by walking the facility and producing a 'status update' report on ways our church facility can continue to serve the congregation and community well.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

\$15

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS OFFERING POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS
YOU CAN ORDER A PLANT IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE.
THESE FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY THROUGH DECEMBER
AND CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ POINSETTIAS AT \$15 EACH

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

- PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY.
- RETURN THIS FORM VIA THE OFFERING OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.
- RETURN FORM BY DECEMBER 16TH

Looking Ahead



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.



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 Monday, December 15 will be included in our Christmas Eve bulletins.



☐ MEMORIAL

☐ THANKSGIVING

\$_____Amount of Gift

In the Name of: _____

Given by: _____

Please print clearly — if no name is provided, gifts will be listed "To the Glory of God" with the giver's name.

Follow George Bailey—a man whose dreams have been repeatedly delayed as he comes to discover his profound impact on those around him. Join us as we celebrate the value of every life, the power of community, and the joy of the holiday season.


SHOWTIMES

Thursday, December 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 12 | 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14 | 2:00 p.m.


THIS WEEK

It's a Wonderful Life

DIRECTED BY VICKI SMITH



GET TICKETS AT:
collstreetplayers.com/productions





YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Youth Group age kids and their friends are welcome!

WEDNESDAY **10** DECEMBER

5:15- 6:30 | Off-campus Christmas Caroling (meet in Schumann Hall)

6:30- 7:30 | Bormann Room
Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$15 limit)



PLEASE RSVP WITH THE QR CODE

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
Children's Sunday School (The Well) - Lydia Keuer

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
Kids' Music & Arts Activities (The Well) - Kirsten Boyd

Mid Week Groups

Band of Brothers (B.o.B.s) – Chris Beabout - 830-560-0262
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
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.

The Tuesday night Women's Bible Study group will begin a new series on the book of Matthew starting Tuesday, Sept. 16th. Contact Sue Saur for information at sue@firstprotestant.com

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




Flower announcements in our church bulletin are dedications of flowers that are given in honor or memory of someone or something. They can be given to celebrate an anniversary, baptism, birthday, or any special occasion. Visit the flower calendar in Schumann Hall or call the church office. 830-609-7729 x 110



Today

*Pulpit flowers are placed in honor of
Mae Kraft & Jeanette Dietert for their birthday on December 3rd,
Given by their families*

*Today's radio broadcast is given,
in loving memory of Elton Specht,
by his wife, Mary Ann and family.*



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED THEM. PLEASE CHECK THE TABLE IN THE FOYER NEAR THE RESTROOMS. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.




FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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"A spiritual home in the heart of the city."

December 7, 2025
First Service - 9:30 am

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