

LESSONS & CAROLS 2025  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 9:30AM

Prelude

Carol Prelude from *Come Ye Faithful a Service of Carols*  
by Hal Hopson

Welcome and Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle - LOVE

Ryan & Jacquelyn Cunningham & Madelyn Jane

\*Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" (see opposite)

Vs 1 - Solo, Ruby Good

Please remain seated until the 2nd verse. Sing 2, 4, & 6

Opening Prayer

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

Reader: Ellen Milam

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

Carol - "O Come Emmanuel" by Elaine Hagenberg

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.

\*#166 "Let All Mortal Flesh" - vs.3 Choir Alone

Third Lesson from Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

Reader: Austin Milam

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

\*Carol #180- "What Child Is This"

Fourth Lesson from Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader: Austin Milam

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 - "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

from *Come Ye Faithful*

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

Reader: Mandy Williams

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

\*Carol - "The Angel Gabriel" (see opposite)

Sixth Lesson from Luke 2: 1; 3-7

Reader: Mandy Williams

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Carol - Sussex Carol - by Elaine Hagenberg

Seventh Lesson from Luke 2: 8-16

Reader: Dustin Williams

The shepherds go to the manger.

\*Carol - #195 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

from *Come Ye Faithful* - vs. 2 in German:

verse two

Stille Nacht, heilige Nach! Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh' Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh'

Eighth Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew 2: 1-11a

Reader: Dustin Williams

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

\*Hymn #184 - "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

from *Come Ye Faithful*

Blessing

Postlude - Postlude from *Come Ye Faithful*

\* Denotes to please stand, if able

(See back panel for acknowledgements.)

Once in Royal David's City

Words by C. F. Alexander, Music by H.J. Gauntlett, arr. D. Willcocks and A. Houston

2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,  
3. And, through all his won - drous child - hood, he would hon - or and o - bey,  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew;  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay;  
he was lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
for that Child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
when like stars his chil - dren crowned, all in white shall wait a - round.

The Angel Gabriel

Words: Basque Carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque Carole; harm Edgar Pettman

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy His ho - ly Name." Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - al  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al



Gift Options to FPC

Calendar year 2025 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 Dec. 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.

### HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2025</b> <b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICES</b> 3:30PM, 5:30PM, & 7:30 PM <b>LIVE NATIVITY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>SUNDAY, JAN. 4, 2026</b> <b>EPIPHANY PAGEANT</b> 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 2025</b> <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> 10:00 AM	<b>WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICES</b> TRADITIONAL - 9:30 AM FAMILY BRUNCH - 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY - 11:00 AM
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 2025</b> <b>COMBINED FAMILY SERVICE</b> 10:00 AM	<b>BIBLE STUDY CLASSES</b> 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

A SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

### Holiday Office Closures

Office Closed  
December 25th & 26th  
January 1st & 2nd

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### Today's Musicians

Kirsten Boyd, Director of Music & Arts  
First Protestant Sanctuary Choir  
Robyn Blanchard, conductor  
Cristal Martinez, Kate Salinas, Vastian Sitler & Abigail Rios, violin  
Ames Asbell & Elizabeth Rojas, viola  
Karla Hamelin & Erika Money, cello  
Jonathan Rouse, bass  
Erin Mallard, oboe  
Roe Arteaga, flute  
Collin Winters, percussion

Altar Flowers are placed in loving memory of Robert Markgraf Jr's 66th birthday by Suzanne and family.

Today's radio broadcast is given in memory of memory of Claudia & Herb Skoog by their Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

### 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

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE RESUMES - JAN 7TH

	<b>4:00 PM - CARD GAMES</b> ALL ARE WELCOME
	<b>5:00 PM - DINNER</b> SERVED UNTIL 6:25 PM
	<b>5:30 PM - YOUTH MUSIC OPTIONS</b> TRACK A - YOUTH BELLS- 5:30-6:25PM TRACK B - YOUTH WORSHIP BAND - 5:30-6:25 PM
	<b>6:30 PM - CLASS OPTIONS BEGIN</b>

**CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP**  
STUDY, FELLOWSHIP & FUN  
INFANT - 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**YOUTH GROUP**  
BIBLE STUDY  
FOLLOWED BY  
GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP  
6:30 PM

**ADULT HANDBELLS - 6:00 PM**  
**CHOIR - 7:00 PM**

## FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

172 W. Coll Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
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“A spiritual home in the heart of the city.”

December 21, 2025  
First Service - 9:30 am

### Welcome

Today's Lessons & Carols service joins Scripture and song in a tradition dating back to the late 19th century. The Scripture readings interweave with lyrics to recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to proclaim the Good News of Christ's redemption. This year's music features works by Hal Hopson and Elaine Hagenberg, along with classic Christmas hymns. With the First Protestant Sanctuary Choir and orchestral guests, this joy filled service will lead you into the heart of the season.

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

Rev. Dr. Andrew Keuer, Senior Minister

### Today at 11:00 am Nativity Pageant & Message

Join us for a heartwarming presentation of the Christmas story, brought to life by our children! The Nativity Pageant will feature all the beloved characters—Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, Wise Men, and even the animals of the manger. You won't want to miss this special celebration of the season!

We will then worship in song, followed by Pastor Andrew preaching the final message in the watchful church series.