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## Sermon Notes

SERMON SERIES - Stories of a Watchful Church

### "Looking to Spot the Signs" Matthew 24:32-35 (p.701)

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/).



#### Opening Songs of Praise

"Come As You Are"  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle of LOVE

Chris & Elizabeth Sanger  
Nacoma, Teddy, Willie, Buddy, & Alisa

#### Song of Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

#### Sharing of Fellowship

#### Christmas Worship

"O Holy Night"

#### Prayer and Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:32-35 (p.701) - Micah Keuer

#### Message - Stories of a Watchful Church:

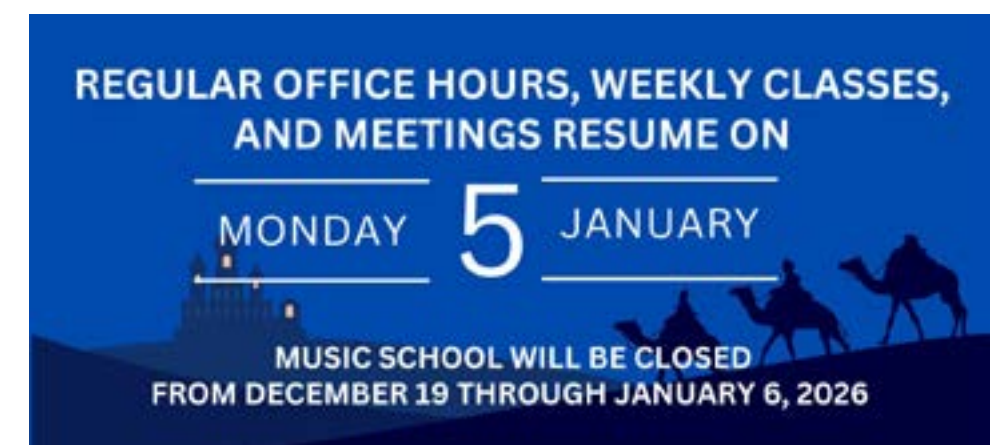
"Looking to Spot the Signs"  
Rev. Dr. Andrew Keuer

#### Respond in Worship

"Joy to the World"  
Offering will be collected during this song  
"The Blessing"

#### Closing Prayer & Blessing

Special thanks to guest musicians Dallas Burrow & Kullen Fox





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.

FIRST PROTESTANT  
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 2025

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES  
3:30PM, 5:30PM, & 7:30 PM  
LIVE NATIVITY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, JAN. 4, 2026

EPIPHANY PAGEANT  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 2025

FAMILY SERVICE 10:00 AM

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL - 9:30 AM  
FAMILY BRUNCH - 10:30 AM  
CONTEMPORARY - 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 2025

COMBINED FAMILY SERVICE  
10:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

A SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*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*



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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  
Second Service - 11:00 am

ADVENT SERIES

STORIES OF A WATCHFUL CHURCH



“LOOKING TO SPOT THE SIGNS”

MATTHEW 24:32-35