

11:00 A.M. Worship

GATHERING

We gather in response to God's Call, offering praise in scripture, prayer and song. We acknowledge our sinfulness, receive the declaration of God's forgiveness, and share the peace of Christ with each other.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Gloria" P. Liebergen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

***HYMN #664** "Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
In baptism, you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

THE WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1: 1-5
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 1: 4-11
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"FINDING YOUR PLACE"
The Rev. Scott D. Nowack

RESPONDING TO GOD

We respond to the proclamation of God's Word with expressions of faith and commitment, offering prayers and our gifts to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

OFFERING

Offertory "Living Rain" R. Hubert
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

We are sent forth with God's blessing to serve.

***HYMN #408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as you are able.**

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The Sanctuary Flowers for this week have been given by Tom And Gay Dawson in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Worship Leader: Frank George

STEWARDSHIP IS ... make a resolution to appreciate all of God's creation and creatures in 2018.

PRAYERS FOR...

- Naomi Cammack - At Kirkwood (Gay Dawson's sister)
- Shirley Brooks - at Kirkwood
- Mil Duhon - at home
- Delphine Dykes - Eden Hill Rehab
- Carol Stephens - Eden Hill
- Pat Turner - at Memory Care of New Braunfels
- Esther Bishop - breast cancer (Gay Dawson's sister)
- Hollye Cunningham Virginia Wilson
- Betsy Beekly Buddy Beck
- Hal Fessler Virginia Autry
- Lois Johnson Jo Colletti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **CHRISTMAS "UNDECORATING"** is at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, **January 9th**. Please come help.

The new **STEPHEN MINISTRIES** training class will begin **January 8th** at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Prayerfully consider training for this important ministry in our church. Contact Scott Payne or Susan Bell for more information.

ESTHER CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, **January 9th** at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. Diane Schulz will lead Lesson 5 - "In Community with the Tradition of the Past."

The **MOC FELLOWSHIP DINNER** will be Tuesday, **January 9th** at Montana Mike's. at 6:00 PM The sign-up sheet is posted in the credenza.

MARY CIRCLE will meet Thursday, **January 11th** at 2:00 PM in the conference room. Fran Hargrove will lead us in Lesson 5 - "In Community with the Traditions of the Past."

The **MOC DEVOTIONAL BREAKFAST** will be Friday, **January 12th** at 7:30 AM in the Church Activity Center. The devotional will be a continuation of the WWII story about the defense of Dunkirk. The sign-up sheet is posted in the credenza.

Our next **FAMILY PROMISE** host week is almost here. We will welcome and host homeless families the week of **January 21-27** and we can always use volunteers! Contact John or Charlotte Sutton, our FP church liaisons, at 817.995.3022.

LADIES NIGHT OUT will be at River Hofbrau, 1515 Kuehler, **January 23rd** at 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

The grand opening of the **CAROLINE M. WESTON** Center for the Performing Arts at Texas Lutheran University will be Friday, **January 26th** from 2 to 3:30 pm. Join her family, other church members, and TLU faculty and students in this special event.

Worship Attendance

January 7, 2018

Please remember to print legibly.
Thank you.

Member (s) # _____
First-time Guest (s) # _____
Reg. Guest (s) # _____
Last Name: _____
First Name (s): _____

Children Attending (Name & Age): _____

Please Complete This Section if 1st Time Guest or Regular Guest/Member with Change of Information:

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I would like my e-mail on the church mailing list.

_____ I would like more information about NBPC.

_____ I am interested in joining NBPC.

New Braunfels Presbyterian Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Scott Nowack

Associate Pastor for Christian Education.....Rev. Katy Walters

Director of Kid's Day Out.....Suzy Wilkinson

Administrative Assistant.....Lynda Jackson

Treasurer.....Rosanne Stockhorst

Director of Music & Handbell Choir.....Betsy Hankins

Praise Team Leader & Organist.....Daniel Wyman

Projection Technician.....Ashley Koepp

Maintenance/Handyman.....Kevin Doran

Pastor Emeritus..... Rev. Kenneth Peters

Prayer Request Card

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, PRAYERS, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..."
1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

Your Name _____

I would like my prayer:

Please select one. If none is checked your prayer will remain confidential.

_____ To be shared with the congregation

_____ Included in Confidential Covenant Concerns - to be given to the Prayer Chain.

_____ Kept confidential, to be given only to the Pastoral team for private prayer

Type of Prayer

_____ Prayer of Thanksgiving

_____ Prayer for Healing

_____ Special Request

Prayer Request:



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide a one-to-one confidential, caring ministry. They are trained lay members of NBPC who help others in times of crisis such as coping with the death of a friend or family member, illness, job loss, depression, or simply a challenge in life. If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Contact #: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

KDO - Winter Wonderland
10:00 AM Needle Arts Group
10:30 AM Stephen Ministry Supervision
2:00 PM Pickleball
5:30 PM Worship Committee
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Class

Tuesday, January 9

KDO - Winter Wonderland
9:15 AM KDO Chapel
10:00 AM Esther Circle
11:15 AM Congregational Care/Visitation
4:00 PM KDO Advisory Board Meeting
6:00 PM MOC Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, January 10

KDO - Winter Wonderland
10:00 AM Disciple I Bible Study
10:00 AM Psalms Bible Study
2:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

2:00 PM Mary Circle
2:00 PM Pickleball
5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice
6:00 PM Pickleball

Friday, January 12

SESSION RETREAT - OFFSITE
7:30 AM MOC Breakfast
9:00 AM Lions Club Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, January 13

SESSION RETREAT - OFFSITE
6:45 AM Lions Club Mid-Winter Conference

Sunday, January 14

9:00 AM Worship with Praise Band
10:00 AM Christian Education
11:00 AM Worship with Choir and Organ

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School for Youth and Children! Our children will be using *Sparkhouse* Bible Curriculum, starting at the very beginning - Creation! Preschoolers (3's & 4's) meet in the Preschool room and elementary (K-5th) meet in the City Gates Room. Our Youth will be focusing on "God and the Church" in the Library. Join us from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Interpreting the Word (Parlor): Join us for group discussion over a selected lesson. We share leadership in teaching.

Wonder and Witness (Ivy Room): After watching a short DVD, we discuss the topic together with shared leadership. Contact Ann R. for more information.

Wired Word (Resource Room): Each week we tackle a topic from the headlines & look at it through a spiritual lens. Contact Duane K. or Neil G. for more information.

Living Word (Conference Room): Join us as we dive into one of the scripture lessons for Sunday Worship & look at its context historically. We are an in-depth Bible study class, so bring your Bible and join us! Contact Sharon J. for more information.

9:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME

CELEBRATING OUR LORD OUR GOD

"Happy Day"
"You Are Good"
"Our Father"

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE LESSONS

Genesis 1: 1-5

Mark 1: 4-11

SERMON

"FINDING YOUR PLACE"
Pastor Scott Nowack

WE OFFER THANKS

"Great Are You Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

"Your Grace Is Enough"

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Worship Leaders:

Rev. Scott Nowack, Rev. Katy Walters, Frank George
Betsy Hankins, Director of Music,
Victoria Tafolla (Praise Team Leader),
Rene Gonzalez (drums), Mason Standley (Guitar),
Michael Hardwick (Guitar), Dennis Dragan (Bass),
and the NBPC Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Linda Gabbard,
Rick & Carolyn Reed, Deirdre Storrar, Connie Worley

Baptism
of the Lord

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 7, 2018

Our Mission, Our Ministry

"Through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the mission of New Braunfels Presbyterian Church is to call and equip disciples to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed."

For Our Guests

Welcome to all! We are very blessed to have you in worship today and hope you feel God's presence in this place!

Fellowship: Enjoy coffee and tea in the Narthex before the service. Ushers are available if you have any questions regarding our campus or service. **Children's Busy Bags & Hearing Enhancement Devices** are available in the Narthex.

Childcare is available for children 4 and under for the entire service. Children are always welcome in our sanctuary, but if the need arises, a cry room is available in the Library during all services. We also have a **"Prayground"** in the Sanctuary for children to experience worship in a new way.



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