

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Sears Family

As we light our first Advent candle,
We pray for the holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary,
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

HYMN #103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Vs. 4

***HYMN #88** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You seek justice and righteousness, but we pursue selfish agendas. You promise us salvation, but we trust in our own strength. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in your way of truth so that we may be ready to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.
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

Psalm 25: 1-10
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Luke 21: 25-36*
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"LOOKING FOR THE FIG TREE"

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Don and Jo Meyers

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed*

OFFERING

Offertory

*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 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 & LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

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

***HYMN #82** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

**The Sanctuary Flowers are given
by Walter and Kari Hutchison in honor of their
anniversary and Walter's birthday.**

Worship Leader: Kari Hutchison

Stewardship is ... baking Christmas cookies and taking them to a nursing home, a homeless shelter, Meals on Wheels, or another agency serving those in need.

PRAYERS FOR...

- + The Family of Pat Turner who passed away November 20
- + The Family of Betsy Beekly who passed away November 22
- + Travis and Ann Rider and their family
- + Joe Reinders - Lois Knudson's father
- + JoAnn Reinke - lung cancer - Jennifer Gately's mother
- + Marilyn Kolacek - breast cancer - Rosanne Stockhurst
- + Jimmy Kolacek - lymphoma - Rosanne Stockhurst
- + Joyce Hankins and family

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR...

- + Shirley Brooks - at Kirkwood
- + Lois Johnson - in private care home in Seguin
- + Heidi Bantis Buddy Beck
- + Hollye Cunningham Betty Drawe
- + Hal Fessler Celeste Forres
- + Nelson McCord Lou Reisbeck
- + Em Riding Bill Tabb Virginia Wilson

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: Gluten free communion bread is available in the Communion tray - look for the baking cup.

The **SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS** is this afternoon at 4:00 pm. This service is designed to create safe space and quiet time for individual and corporate prayer, individual and corporate blessings, anointing with oil, scripture readings, and music. Please feel free to bring family and friends.

THANK YOU for all who decorated our Church and a special note of thanks to Gayle Hampel for refreshing all the wreaths!

Come join the **LUNCH BUNCH** at Noli's Vita Italian Kitchen, a new restaurant on Common Street on Tuesday, **December 4th** at 12:30. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

On **December 5th**, Krause's Café is hosting a vegetarian soup line from 6-9PM to benefit **THE SOS FOOD BANK**. Cost is \$10.00,

The **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will begin an Advent Study with Pastor Katy **December 5th** at 10:00 am.

CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED ... Do you have some extra Christmas cards we could use for the **Meals on Wheels** deliveries this holiday season? If so, please donate them *already signed* with "Blessings from New Braunfels Presbyterian Church" and turn them in (inside an envelope) by **Sunday, December 9th**. There will be a basket in the Narthex for the collection. Thank you!

THE CHRISMON TREE: Remember to pick up your copy of the Chrismon Tree booklet in the Narthex. It outlines the Scriptural history and meaning of Chrismons, and explains various symbols and their importance in our worship. The Chrismon Tree, as it is known today, originated in the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia in 1957.

Worship Attendance

December 2, 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 or Member
with Change of Information:**

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

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

_____ Would like more information
about NBPC.

_____ 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

Music Leader &
Organist.....Daniel Wyman

Projection Technician.....Ashley Koepp

SextonKevin 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 _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday December 3 OFFICE CLOSED

2:00 PM Pickleball
 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
 6:00 PM GS Daisy Troop - Annex

Tuesday December 4 OFFICE CLOSED

9:15 AM KDO Chapel
 10:00 AM PW Board Meeting
 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch
 6:30 PM Long Range Planning Committee
 6:30 PM GS Troop 956 - Loft 2

Wednesday December 5

9:15 AM KDO 2 Yrs. Christmas Program
 10:00 AM Disciple Bible Study
 10:00 AM KDO Christmas Program Rehearsal - SANC
 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM Bell Choir
 5:30 PM Christian Education Comm.
 6:00 PM GC Troop 1026 - Annex
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday December 6

9:15 AM KDO 2Yrs. Christmas Program
 10:00 AM Facilities Committee
 11:00 AM Membership Committee
 12:00 PM KDO Christmas Program
 1:00 PM NBPC Volunteers serving at SOS Food Bank
 2:30 PM Pickleball
 6:00 PM GS Troop 1163 - Annex
 6:00 PM Pickleball

Sunday December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Christian Education
 11:00 AM Worship with Choir and Organ
 7:00 PM From Sacred to Santa Christmas Concert

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School for Youth and Children: Our Pre-School (4 years & Kinder) meet in the last room of the Children's Wing, our Elementary (1st-5th) meet in the Art Room, and our Youth (6th & up) meet in City Gates.

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

Wonder and Witness (Ivy Room): In depth studies of the Word through discussion, research, spontaneous insights, and shared leadership.

Wired Word (Resource Room): Each week we tackle a topic from the headlines and 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 scripture lessons for Sunday Worship and 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.

Parenting Together (Library): Join other parents to journey together as children of God raising children of God. As a group, we'll share in facilitating as well as choosing the curriculum.

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WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *The Talley Family*

SONG #103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

GATHERING IN SONG

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
"Waiting Here for You"

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SONG #127 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *Psalm 25: 1-10*
Luke 21: 25-36

MESSAGE

"LOOKING FOR THE FIG TREE"
Pastor Scott Nowack

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cindy and Dave Barnard

WE OFFER THANKS

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING SONG "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

BENEDICTION

Year to Date Financial Report as of October 31, 2018	
Offering received	\$447,591
Ministry Expenses	\$456,936
More/(Less)	(\$ 9,345)

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Scott D. Nowack, Rev. Katy Walters,
 Kari Hutchison
 Betsy Hankins, Director of Music
 Daniel Wyman, Organist & Music Leader;
 and the NBPC Choir.

Ushers/Greeters: Carroll & Mary Jane Coleman, Jan Bantis, Neil Gately, Phyllis Walther, Madge Bayston.



First Sunday of Advent December 2, 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 young children to experience worship in a new way while still under parental supervision.



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 #: _____



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