

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

John and Charlotte Sutton

As we light our second Advent candle,

We pray for the holy peace of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary,

Come now, O Prince of Peace.

HYMN #103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Vs. 1

***HYMN #93** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You come with fire to cleanse us, yet we remain in our corruption. You come with water to save us, yet we persist in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Prepare the way in us to greet the one who is coming, so that we may see your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN #127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing! (Jesus, the Light of the World)"

*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

ANTHEM "Mary, Did You Know?"
with "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
arr. by J. M. Martin and D. Angerman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3: 1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 3: 1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"REPENT AND FOLLOW"

The Rev. Scott D. Nowack

***HYMN #109** "Blest be the God of Israel"

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** from the Confession of Belhar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

***Doxology #582** "Glory to God"

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

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

***HYMN #363** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

**The Sanctuary Flowers are given
by Hamish and Deidre Storrar in loving
memory of Catherine Storrar.**

Worship Leader: Ken Jacobs

Stewardship is ... considering a gift of appreciated securities to the work, worship, mission and ministry of the church.
Did you know - this avoids taxes on Capital Gains?

PRAYERS FOR...

- + 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

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND POTLUCK on **December 23rd**, immediately following the one service at 10:00 AM. Join us for this "**Undie Sunday**" as we celebrate the season together. Why "Undie Sunday?" Well, we're collecting new socks and underwear for children and women for the Comal County Crisis Center. Bring some undies, a side dish to share, and join us for songs, stories as we prepare to welcome the new born king!

The **MOC DEVOTIONAL BREAKFAST** will be Friday, **December the 14th** at 7:30 AM in the Church Activity Center. The cooks are Sam Stewart, Dave Wright, and Charlie Jacobs. The devotional will be a continuation of Stories of Faith and Courage from World War II. The sign-up sheet is posted in the credenza.

With Christmas almost here, **KDO** has a busy December! We will have the All School Chapel and Kindergarten Nativity on **December 18th** at 9:15 AM. Also, KDO will be on Christmas break from December 21st until January 6th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING is Sunday, **January 6th**, 12-2 PM. All Sunday School teachers for children and youth will go through some safety procedures as well as expectations for our Sunday Morning classrooms. We promise there will be some fun (and food) as we prepare ourselves to be a welcoming and safe space for our children. Lunch is provided, please RSVP to Rev. Katy by January 4th.

THE CHRISMON TREE: Brightly Adorned Tree in the Narthex. The artistry and creativity represented on this tree is a part of the history and activity of members of NBPC many decades ago. You will see some of this among the other artistry on the Chrismon Tree at the front of the Sanctuary. These brilliantly decorated symbols are copies of some which pointed to early understanding of the truths of the Triune God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Worship Attendance

December 9, 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 Koepf

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 _____



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, December 10

- 10:00 AM Needle Arts Group
- 10:30 AM Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 2:00 PM Pickleball
- 5:30 PM GS Troop 1214 - IVY
- 6:00 PM GS Troop 2074 - Loft 1

Tuesday, December 11

- 9:15 AM KDO Chapel
- 10:00 AM Esther Circle
- 11:15 AM Congregational Care
- 4:00 PM KDO Advisory Board Meeting
- 4:00 PM Stewardship Committee
- 5:30 PM Mission and Outreach Committee
- 6:30 PM GS Troop 956 - Loft 2

Wednesday, December 12

- 10:00 AM Disciple Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM Bell Choir
- 6:00 PM GS Troop 1889 - Loft 1
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 13

- 10:00 AM NB Area Quilt Guild Board Meeting
- 2:00 PM Mary Circle
- 2:00 PM Pickleball
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 119 - ACT

Friday, December 14

- 7:30 AM MOC Breakfast

Saturday, December 15

- 8:00 AM New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild

Sunday, December 16 -Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education
- 11:00 AM Worship with Choir and Organ
- 4:30 PM GS Troop 1189 - IVY

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.

9:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Skelton Family (Spencer, Katie, Luke, Logan & Liam)

SONG #103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Vs. 1

GATHERING IN SONG

"King of Glory"
"Love Has Come"

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SONG #127 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!
(Jesus, the Light of the World)"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Malachi 3: 1-4
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MESSAGE

"REPENT AND FOLLOW"
Pastor Scott Nowack

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKS
"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

SENDING SONG "Days of Elijah"

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,
 Ken Jacobs
 Betsy Hankins, Director of Music
 Daniel Wyman, Organist & Music Leader;
 and the NBPC Choir.

Ushers/Greeters: Michael & Debbie Meek, Mike & Barbara Linscomb, Mary Waite, Scott Payne.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 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.



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