

Sunday, November 26 (9:30 and 11 am Worship)

Peter Bailey

50 - 70

George Bailey’s father

Wise, even tempered, solid & dependable

Peter Bailey: George had endured much up to that night. I would know—he is my son. I wanted all the things he wanted. I had a glimmer of hope that he would take over the Building and Loan, but deep down I know he’s made for more. He is still young. He hasn’t learned that there is blessing, hope and joy even in the small moments of my “shabby little office”. For me, the quickest answers to prayer have been where I have asked God to change the way I look at things. I am sure somehow, George will come to that realization on his own. As we light our first Advent candle, we celebrate the patience and strength needed for the enduring path.

Sunday, December 3 (9:30 and 11 am Worship)

Uncle Billy

40+

Absent minded but well meaning

George’s uncle and business partner

Uncle Billy (with bag of nuts and strings on his fingers to help him remember): Boy, oh boy, George really told off that Mr. Potter. He was great! You should’ve seen him. Well—of course—you just did! The one thing I like about George is his tenacity. His hope for the future. No matter how bleak the circumstances seem, that George knows things can be better. Just like his Father...Now let me see. What was it I am supposed to do? (he checks his strings on his fingers and mumbles through a mental list)...Oh yes, Advent, yes...As we light the second Advent candle, we celebrate the hope of God’s kingdom being revealed through Christ’s coming.

Sunday, December 10 (9:30 and 11 am Worship & Cantata Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm)

George Bailey

30s - 40s

Husband, Father

Dependable, Confident

The everyman of Bedford Falls, a good man whose patience is tried.

George (running in, hollering, as if just through the door): Mary! Mary! As anyone seen Mary? Have you seen Mary? I hear she has some great news! And I don’t think it has anything to do with Mr. Potter or the Bank examiner. No. No. It’s a miracle! We light this third Advent candle with all the joy of an expectant mother and an expectant people, expecting the miracle of Christ’s coming.

Sunday, December 17 (9:30 and 11 am Worship)

Mary Bailey

30-40

George’s Loving Wife, Mother

Sensible, Strong

Mary (with umbrella): You know, I’ve heard that rain on your wedding day is a sign of a blessed marriage. I had so many hopes for that day and had no clue as to how it would turn out. But then, (she gestures the screen) life happens no matter how many plans you make. George showed the part of himself that day that I have seen in him all along. It’s why I married him. Impossible odds, not knowing what direction to take, yet not giving up on the belief he had deep in his heart for those nearest to him that he loved and cared about. As we light this fourth Advent candle, we celebrate God’s promise—a promise we can always trust.

Sunday, December 24 (11 am, 5 pm and 7 pm Worship & Christmas Eve Dress
Rehearsal Wednesday, December 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm)

Zuzu Bailey

Age 7, George and Mary's daughter.

Can be older than 7, but must look 7

Zuzu: Those people gave my daddy the best gift we could have asked for that Christmas. And we never forgot it. A gift like that makes you want to pass it on and share the joy. God gave all of us a gift like that. (Adult lights Christ candle.) Let’s light this candle and never forget the gift God gave us in his Son, Jesus Christ.