Welcome to

The Bridge Community Fellowship

Sunday Worship Service

November 29, 2026

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Advent 2026: The Songs of Christmas
1. Zechariah: A Song of Hope (Luke 1:67-79)

Big Idea: "Hope shines through in the silence, loneliness, uncertainty, and guilt of life."

Icebreaker and Introduction

- How was your Thanksgiving holiday, and what is your favorite Christmas song or tradition this time of year?
- The sermon quoted psychologist Elaine Aron, who noted that while the holidays are supposed to be festive, for many they are a dreaded or painful season. How have you experienced that tension between holiday expectations and real life?

1. Hope in Silence (Luke 1:5–25)

- Zechariah and Elizabeth waited years for a child, and then Zechariah spent nine months in silence before his first words were praise. How do you typically respond when God feels quiet or your prayers seem unanswered?
- December is often filled with noise, materialism, and hurry that leave us exhausted by New Year's. What is one practical step you can take this week, like a phone-free block, stepping back from social media, or setting aside time for a daily Advent devotional, to slow down and linger over the beauty of God?

2. Hope in Loneliness (Verses 67–71)

- With dozens of Christmas movies setting high expectations for connection, the holidays can amplify feelings of being alone or forgotten. How does Zechariah's declaration that God has "visited and redeemed his people" coming not just to show up, but to help and bring comfort, speak into seasons of loneliness?
- Zechariah describes Jesus as a "horn of salvation," a symbol of kingly authority, strength, and victory. When you are in a spiritual valley, which truth do you most need to look to this week: the manger (God cares), the cross (God loves), the empty tomb (God is in control), or the throne (God is all-powerful)?

3. Hope in Uncertainty (Verses 72–75)

- One of the deepest pains in life is how people and circumstances change, yet Zechariah sings because God remembers His holy covenant and keeps His oath to Abraham. Where are you feeling the storm of uncertainty right now, and what does it look like to anchor yourself in God's unchanging faithfulness?
- Unlike wishful thinking ("everything will turn out okay"), biblical hope is rooted in a sovereign God who wastes no years and no tears. How does trusting in God's purpose change the way you view a disappointment or setback from this past year?

4. Hope in Guilt (Verses 76–79)

- Guilt, shame, and regret can be paralyzing, often tempting us to excuse, minimize, or blame-shift. How does the promise of salvation "in the forgiveness of their sins" through God's tender mercy free you from carrying that weight?
- Zechariah closes with the image of the "sunrise" visiting those who sit in darkness to guide their feet into the way of peace. Where do you most need the light and peace of Jesus to break through in your life this Advent season?

Announcements
(If you have announcements to add in the future, please notify Kay Gribbin)

The Bridge Website has been updated! – Updates and new content are regularly added to our website, jointhebridge.com. If you can't join us in person, the link to join remotely is available each week on the website.

Lucas Country Christmas; A Magical Night Awaits!
Community Outreach, Friday, December 4 | 6–9 PM | Lucas Community Park
We need you and your Christmas spirit! Please sign up to join us this Friday as we connect with our community during the Lucas Country Christmas. We need volunteers to welcome people, help with kids' crafts, sing carols, and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. For more information, please see the additional details provided or contact Kay.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Saturday, December 12:** The Ladies Holiday Brunch will take place from 10:00 am – Noon.
- **Thursday, December 24:** We will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

Connect Cards – Are you a visitor or new to The Bridge? We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you.



Ways to Give Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your continued financial support of The Bridge Community Fellowship.

- Cash/check can be placed in the White Church in the Sanctuary
- Mail to The Bridge Community Fellowship, P.O. Box 1762, Wylie, Tx 75098
- Zelle through your financial institution to: **thebridgecommunityfellowship@gmail.com** or scan the QR code below.

General Operating Account
Monthly/YTD Income vs Expense 2026

	October	YTD
Actual Income	$ 10,250.77	$120,027.79
Actual Expenses	$ 12,622.24	$118,174.07
Difference	($ 2,371.47)	$ 1,853.72

Leadership at the Bridge

- Kyle Van Tine, Lead Pastor
- Mike Boese, Director
- Dirk van der Woude, Director
- Gregg Wooding, Director
- Kay Gribbin, Church Administration
- Rita Montgomery, Finance Team Leader
- Kerry Krueger, Worship Leader
- Amie Smolka, Hospitality Leader
- Open, Community Outreach Leader

Jesus Showed Up
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Community and Missions Outreach Plan for 2026

We are excited about new partnering opportunities this year and a renewed focus with several of the organizations we've supported in the past. Going forward, we'll be using this space in our weekly announcements to highlight information, opportunities and successes.

- With the recent closure of the Lucas Community Center, the Lucas 4H Club contacted us about using our facility for their monthly meetings. As a part of our community outreach, we are pleased to accommodate this request and to welcome the group to The Bridge. The Lucas Community Center is being transformed into the new Lucas Police Department.