



Welcome to
The Bridge Community Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service

December 7, 2025

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Tis the Season: A Journey Through Advent

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Isaiah 11:1-7)

Big Idea for This Week: In Jesus, we can have peace despite our circumstances because we trust in God's sovereign plan, obey God's just rule, and anticipate God's future peace.

Sermon Outline

1. Peace in God's Sovereign Plan (11:1-2)

A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.

Action: Stop trying to decode the "Why" of your struggles and rest your head on the "Who" above the uncertainties of life, the Sovereign God.

2. Peace in God's Just Rule (11:3-5)

He shall not judge by what His eyes see but with righteousness He shall judge the poor and decide with equity.

Action: Drop the gavel. Resign from the position of judge and trust that God will handle the ultimate justice in eternity.

3. Peace in God's Future Kingdom (11:6-10)

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

Promise: We don't have to panic about the middle of the story because the Author has written a just ending where wrong will fail and right will prevail.

Study Questions for Reflection

1. What are the specific things making you anxious or afraid today (financial, political, relational), and how does that affect your peace?
2. Anxiety is often a "gaze problem." In what areas are you looking horizontally at the chaos instead of vertically at the King?
3. Are you currently carrying a "gavel" by holding a grudge or demanding justice against someone? What would it look like to hand that case file over to God?
4. When you "doom-scroll" through bad news, how can the promise of God's future Kingdom (where the wolf dwells with the lamb) restore your hope?
5. How can you practically trade your demand for an explanation (the "Why") for a revelation of God's nature (the "Who") this week?

Practical Challenges

- **Pray First.** Identify your fears and pray to trust God's sovereign plans, confessing your anxiety to Him.
- **Shift Your Gaze.** When you feel stressed, stop looking at the horizontal chaos and meditate on a specific attribute of God (His wisdom, power, or love).
- **Drop the Gavel.** Identify one person you are judging or refusing to forgive, and consciously decide to "retire from the bench" and leave it to God's wrath or grace.
- **Anticipate the Kingdom.** Pray specifically that God's Kingdom would come on Earth as it is in Heaven, bringing peace to the broken areas of your life and world.

Breakfast and Fellowship at 9:15 AM • Worship Service at 10:00 AM and streamed live every week

Find Faith. Build Friendships. Follow Jesus.

At The Bridge, our desire is to connect people to God and one another through the hope of the Gospel. Whether you are exploring faith, looking for a church home, or just checking things out, we want you to know you're welcome.

Announcements

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

The Bridge Website has been updated! – Have you seen the updates and new content that’s been added to our website, jointhebridge.com? The site includes the link to join our weekly live-stream worship services for those occasions when you’re not able to join us in person.

Prayer Warriors Monthly Meetings – Each month the team will adopt a specific prayer focus. The group is using the GroupMe mobile group messaging app as the hub for sharing prayer requests and updates. For more information on the GroupMe App, talk with Leanna Moore.

Monthly Events and Activities – For additional information on meetings, events and activities, please refer to the printed monthly calendar. For the most current information, visit the website, jointhebridge.com/bridge-events.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Please save the date and plan to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm. We hope you will invite your extended family and friends to join us and we’re looking into ways to share an invitation with the community.

Christmas Giving and a Renewed Focus on our Community and Missions Outreach into the New Year

Detail of our Christmas Giving opportunities will be shared during the service today and the Outreach Plan for 2026 will be shared in the coming weeks. We are excited about some new partnering opportunities and a renewed focus with several of the organizations we’ve supported in the past. We look forward to sharing detail on how each of us can contribute and collectively have a positive impact on the lives of many locally, regionally, and internationally.

Bridge Students and College Kids Home for the Holiday Event

The students and college kids who are home for the holiday are invited to join Gregg for a fun evening of bowling, billiards, laser tag and shuffleboard at Main Event, 3941 North Central Expressway, Plano, Tx 75023 on Monday, December 29; time to be determined. Everyone will be responsible for paying their own way. The admission fee is \$12.99 and everyone will also be responsible for the shoe rental fee and food costs. Transportation will be provided. Please RSVP to Gregg by Monday, December 22.

Connect Cards – Are you a visitor or new to The Bridge? We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you. Please complete one of the Connect Cards and place it in the White Church in the Sanctuary.

LET'S CONNECT

Name

Home Address

How can we contact you?

Phone

Text

Email

DOB (DD/MM)



Leadership at the Bridge

- Kyle Van Tine, Lead Pastor
- Mike Boese, Director
- Gregg Wooding, Director
- Robert Montgomery, Director Emeritus
- Kay Gribbin, Church Administration
- Rita Montgomery, Finance Team Leader
- Kerry Krueger, Worship Leader
- Amie Smolka, Hospitality Leader
- Kurt Sadowski, Community Outreach Leader

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
- Zelle through your financial institution to:
thebridgecommunityfellowship@gmail.com
- Mail to The Bridge Community Fellowship, P.O. Box 1762, Wylie, Tx 75098

General Operating Account Monthly/YTD Income vs Expense 2025

	November	YTD
Actual Income	\$ 9,055.00	\$122,868.92
Actual Expenses	<u>\$11,680.47</u>	<u>\$107,984.19</u>
Difference	-\$ 2,625.47	\$ 14,884.73