

December 21, 2025



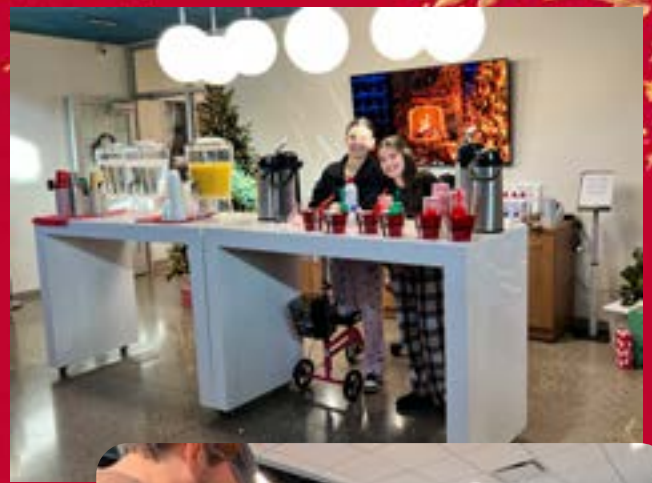
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*Peace*



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**Breakfast with Santa:  
Around the World!**

**Thank you Volunteers!**





# Christmas Eve

## *Candlelight Services*

**3pm | Children & Family**  
**5 & 7pm | Traditional**  
**11pm | Lessons & Carols**  
**(with Communion)**



### **USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Christmas Eve is fast approaching, and we have a few more slots to fill for ushers and front door greeters for our 4 services at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, and 11pm. Door Greeters will be the first face visitors will see at Prosper UMC. Ushers will be handing out candles as people enter the Sanctuary.

Sign up at [prosperumc.org/hospitality](https://prosperumc.org/hospitality)



### **COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

As we prepare for our special Christmas Eve services, we would love to invite you to bring some of your favorite cookies to share with others. Your delicious treats will add to the joy and warmth of the day. If you're able, please consider baking or buying cookies to bring along. Cookies can be dropped off at the kitchen.

Thank you for helping make our time together even more special and sweet!



### **GIVE THE GIFT OF COMPASSION**

This year's Alternative Giving Tree will be helping World Vision. World Vision partners with children and families all over the world to help lift them out of poverty.

With a donation of \$25 or more, your gift will help provide chickens, ducks, goats, clean water, wells or care kits to help people in the US and all over the world.

The ornaments adorning the tree have been purchased from a fair trade store. This keepsake, received with your donation, can serve as a unique gift to a family or friend in lieu of a traditional Christmas gift. The tree is located in the Commons with instructions on how to participate.

### **TOY BLESSINGS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 28th, 11am**

We will have only one Sunday morning service on the Sunday following Christmas. It will be a casual service of present blessing and caroling.

We are excited to announce that we will have a very special guest pianist for this service. Leonard Hayes, former PUMC pianist and concert pianist will be joining us while Eric Breon takes a much deserved break.

In addition, please note that we will not meet for Sunday School during the 9:45am or 11am hours.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| PRELUDE | <i>It Is Well With My Soul</i> , by Bliss & Dockery | Michael Hirsch, bassoon<br>Eric Breon, piano |
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OPENING PRAYER

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| LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> , v. 6 | UMH# 211 |
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| OPENING HYMN | <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> | UMH# 384 |
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| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH |  | UMH# 881 |
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| GLORIA PATRI |  | UMH# 70 |
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PASSING THE PEACE

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| CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) |  | Mike Lish |
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MORNING PRAYER  
& LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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| SPECIAL MUSIC | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> , by Redner, arr. by Lanier | Michael Hirsch, bassoon<br>Eric Breon, piano |
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| MESSAGE<br>SCRIPTURE | Why Does Peace Keep Ghosting Me<br>Isaiah 9:6-7; Ephesians 2:11-16 | Pastor Jason |
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HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

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| CLOSING HYMN | <i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i> | UMH# 198 |
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BENEDICTION

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| POSTLUDE | <i>Bassoon Sonata, Mvmt 1</i> , by Hindmith | Michael Hirsch, bassoon<br>Eric Breon, piano |
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Acolytes: Levi Hancock, Maddie Hancock

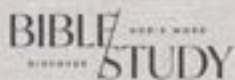
## NEW YEAR...NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

We are offering several new studies beginning in January:

- ***A Disciple's Path*** by Harnish & LaRosa, led by Larry Johnson & Ron Worley, begins Wed., Jan 21st, 6:30pm
- ***Called*** by Susan Robb, led by Gloria Ashby, begins Wed., Jan. 21st, 6:30pm
- ***Don't Look Back*** by Christine Cain, led by Aubrey Kennedy, begins Tues., Jan. 6th, 11:30am
- ***Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*** by Joanna Weaver, led by Ellen Mainiero, begins Tues., Jan. 6th, 6:30pm
- ***SONshine Bible Study*** - A local community member, Jon Banks, will be using our facility for a local bible study. This is open to anyone who would like to participate. Jon describes this community Bible

study as a space for open Scripture exploration beyond denominational boundaries. Begins January 8, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/adult](https://prosperumc.org/adult)

The logo features the words "BIBLE" and "STUDY" in a large, serif font, with "BIBLE" stacked above "STUDY". Between them, in a smaller, sans-serif font, are the words "AND A WORD".

## PRAYER CONCERNS

We believe in the power of prayer. We also believe God loves you and cares about what concerns your heart, and we care too. Please keep the following prayer concerns in your prayers.

Cole Robbins  
Patsy Snider  
Family of Arlene Kruse  
Alan Larson  
Swenson Kreger  
The Family of Frank Kuracina  
The Family of Kathy Capshaw  
Donna Blochowicz

The Family of John Wiley  
Jan Wilson  
Mary Johnson  
Rick Beaty  
Christians in Nigeria  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

Interested in joining the Praying Tree?  
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If you have a prayer concern to share with us, please submit at <https://www.prosperumc.org/prayerrequest>. Your concerns will be shared with the *Praying Tree*. A weekly prayer email listing of joys and concerns is sent out to members of the *Praying Tree* so that requests can be lifted up to the Lord during private prayer time and may be shared in the weekly bulletin.



**THE GATHERING**  
A CHURCH WITH ROOM FOR ALL

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### A New UM Church Plant in Anna

The Gathering Anna is a United Methodist church plant that is forming in Anna. PUMC is providing some administrative support to The Gathering as they work towards their new location & building. For example, Jane Russell is volunteering to help them to develop their bookkeeping system.

Know someone in the Anna area that is seeking a new church? Send them to The Gathering!

Follow their progress at [thegatheringanna.com](http://thegatheringanna.com)

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN](https://prosperumc.org/children) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM & 11AM

**COMMON GROUND** - 4TH & 5TH GRADE SMALL GROUP • 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5:30PM

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - GRADES 6-12 • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH](https://prosperumc.org/youth) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM

**CONFIRMATION** - 7TH GRADE & UP • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

**YOUTH GROUP** - SUNDAYS @ 5PM

**ADULT MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT](https://prosperumc.org/adult) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**FAITHBUILDERS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 149

**JOURNEY** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 124

**THE SEEKERS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 157

**THRIVING:NEXT GEN HEARTS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 108

**THIRST TO THRIVE** - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS @ 11:30AM, ROOM 149

**SEASONS** - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM, ROOM 155

**TRUE GRIT** - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS @ 11:45AM

**METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - 1ST MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/MUSIC](https://prosperumc.org/music) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45PM, SANCTUARY

**JOYFUL NOISE** - CHILDREN'S CHOIR, KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

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