

# GRAPENEVINE



*Water, River,  
Spirit, Grace,  
sweep over me!*

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# WELCOME!

With the start of this new year, there are annual transitions that are made. Within the church, one such transition is the changing of the guard. Each year, there are individuals who are elected into key leadership positions. The names listed will work alongside the staff, leaders and pastors in valuable decision making, numerous meetings, and countless discussions of actions behind the scenes that will help make ministry possible through Prosper UMC. Today, we share these names in hopes that you will help us thank them profusely for their gracious gift of time, attention and discernment across their tenure. In the coming weeks, the elected committee members will come together for a presentation to prepare them for the year ahead.

Please help us to thank them ahead of time for the time.

**Administrative Council:** Jen Lawler\*, Eric Smith, Garon Bruce, Doyle Eiler, Gloria Ashby, Brett Smith, Jane Russell, Scott Surplus, Emma Hirsch, Misty Standifer, Don Kerr, Lindsey Pennington & Anne Kunde

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**Mission & Outreach:** Don Kerr\*, Stephen Rogers, Brenda Mueller, Amy Barley, Andy Cartwright, Cathy Daniels, Ryan Marzec, Bruce Mueller, Marissa Wall, & Gloria Ashby

\* denotes team chairperson

## BELONG

### 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements can now be downloaded at [prosperumc.shelbynextchms.com](https://prosperumc.shelbynextchms.com). If you have not yet set up a Shelby account, contact [Sharon Boswell](#) to get started. Follow the step-by-step instructions provided below. If you would prefer a printed statement or have questions, contact [Jennifer Steckel](#).

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### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

**Wednesday, January 28th, 6pm**

Take a break from making dinner and spend some time getting to know each other. Bring the entire family for an evening of food and fun. See you then!

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# GROW

## 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
- *Unhurried* led by Pastor Kellie. A 4-week small group focusing on slowing down, releasing the grip of hurry and learning to live more fully unhurried. Begins Wednesday, Jan. 21st, 6:30pm.
- *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver, led by Ellen Mainiero, Tuesdays, 6:30pm

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



## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 11th, 12pm**

Current 3rd - 5th grade families it is time to talk about Camp Bridgeport! Come learn about camp, get the dates and registration info. We will meet in room 149. Come ask ALL the questions you want!



## MIDWINTER RETREAT

**January 23rd-25th**

Midwinter is a retreat led by and for grades 6-12 students within the North Texas Conference. Our Conference Youth Leadership participants plan everything from the theme to the games and activities that we will participate in. They will also lead throughout the MidWinter Camp weekends, sharing prayers, testimonies, and much more.

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/midwinter](http://prosperumc.org/midwinter)



## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Bridgeport Summer Camps is now open. This summer, we are encouraging students to attend the JH/SH Mixed 2 camp for students completing grades 6-12 on June 29th-July 3rd and the Children's 1 camp for students completing grades 3-5 on July 6th-10th.

These camps usually fill up fast. Early Bird discounts are available through January 31st and a \$50 deposit guarantees a spot at camp.

Learn more at [bridgeportcamp.org](http://bridgeportcamp.org)

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hurry

**Sermon Series • January 18<sup>th</sup> - February 8<sup>th</sup>**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Deep River*, arr. by Diemer

Eric Breon

### OPENING PRAYER

### OPENING HYMN

*Baptized in Water*

FWS# 2248

### PASSING THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Carol Surplus

### MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

### REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Down to the River to Pray*, arr. by Althouse

Kaela Vance

#### SUNG RESPONSE

*Water, Rive, Spirit, Grace*

FWS# 2253

#### HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

#### CELEBRATING BAPTISM (11:00)

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Alden John & Reagan Caroline Birek

*The Lord Came Down to the River*

Kathryn Zetterstrom

### MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:32-33

Pastor Jason

### INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

### CLOSING HYMN

*Go To The World*

W&S# 3158

### BENEDICTION

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

### POSTLUDE

*I've Got Peace Like a River*, arr. by Hyes

Eric Breon

Acolyte: Elaine Cardamone, Benjamin Vance

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### 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.

Sandy Bowen  
JoNell Carter  
David Garner  
Family of Jacob Mason  
Cole Robbins

Patsy Snider  
Family of Arlene Kruse  
Alan Larson  
Peace in Ukraine



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

### STAFF

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