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EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LOVING GOD
LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER
2026

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KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS

(in-person):

SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):

TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

Pastor's
Post



When I first arrived here a few years ago, our Stewardship Season theme was "Emmanuel Is..." After going through much transition and uncertainty, it was important in that moment to name who we were as a church, and to celebrate that. *I believe that when we know who we are, God then calls us to dream about who we could become.* Our dreams for the future are rooted in knowing ourselves and trusting God together. We begin to dream boldly, daring to move beyond the comfortable and into the future God already holds.

What dreams do you have for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church?
What dreams does God have for our wonderful church?
How can we trust God to support those dreams?

This is a season for dreaming. In worship, we will sit with scriptures of our ancestors in the faith who dreamed dreams of provision, dreams of wisdom, dreams of chosen family, dreams of warning, and dreams of welcome. In the narthex, we will build an *Emmanuel Dreams* display together, naming our dreams for this loving church family. The ideas shared there will guide the Session into future planning for our church.

Dreaming requires a few things of us: to dream, we must rest. This Stewardship Season we name that we find our true rest in God. We do not strive frantically seeking our own survival. We trust God. We trust each other as children of God. A mind or soul that is stressed does not have the capacity to dream. We release what is not ours to hold. *We find our rest in God.*

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Dreaming requires an imagination. We let go of our ideas of limitations and barriers, and invite God's vision to break into our midst, surprising us with new ways of being the church together we might not have thought up ourselves. This dreaming imagination is always stirred by the Holy Spirit. *We find new possibilities in God.*

Dreaming requires courage. We believe that, just as in scripture, when God gives us dreams, God also calls us to awaken to new paths and unknown journeys. We will not fear uncertainty or try to seek safety by thinking too small. We will bravely follow where God's dreams for us lead, with our resources and with our reliance upon God. *We bravely follow God's dreams for us.*

This Stewardship Season, let's have the courage to dream together. Because Emmanuel is an incredible family, a loving and supportive (and yes, quirky) church where all are welcome. So many people in our times need a community like this, and with the dreams God brings and the ways God will bring those dreams to life, we are just getting started.

Dreaming with you,

Pastor Whitney

YOUR CALENDARS

(visit our website
www.emmanuelpc.org for
more calendar listing)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 10
10–11 am

(**RESCHEDULED DATE**)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 6
5:30-7:30 pm
(Delga Park, Fort Worth)



STEWARDSHIP

KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 11
After Worship

LITTER STOMP

Saturday, October 17
8:15 am-10:30 am
(1912 Portland, Fort
Worth)



Friday, October 30
5-7 pm

SIPS 'N TIDBITS



LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW CHILDCARE WORKER

Let's welcome Alyssa, our new
Childcare Worker! Her first Sun-
day with us will be **October 4**.
Alyssa is studying social work for
children at Tarrant County Col-
lege. She brings a lot of childcare
experience, and is excited to care
for our children, and be a part of
our loving church family.

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9 am– 3 pm

Bring your whole family for a for a shopping spree filled with holiday cheer! We
will also have bake sale, fresh plants and hourly raffle draws. To enter into the
raffle draw, please bring any number of canned, non-perishable goods on the day
of the Craft Fair and receive **maximum 5 raffle tickets per person**. Amazing prizes/
gift cards up for grabs! **Mission Burgers** Food Truck will be available on-site in
the parking lot.

PNS LUNCH BAG ASSEMBLY

Our congregation donated to the PNS 125 lunches and 3 cases of water.
Our next date for PNS bag filling will be **December 6, 2026**. We are in
need of everything.

Protein, pudding cups, fruit cups, snack/granola bars, chips.

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2026

A Classical Music Concert Series
Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors

- **Flute Recital**

Mary-Christine Stingley
Saturday, December 5 at 4 pm

These events will take place at 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford TX inside the sanc-
tuary. Admission is free to the public. Donations are appreciated.

Visit our website for more information.

<https://emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Advent Breakfast and Workshop on Sunday, November 29th at 8:45 AM.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for breakfast and Advent stations for all ages on Sunday, November 29th, hosted by the Christian Education Committee in SoRelle Hall. We'll have fun and meaningful ways to engage with this year's Advent theme of stars on the first Sunday of Advent, along with a delicious breakfast.

If you would like to help plan this event, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#) or [Tonia Thompson](#).

Group Gatherings Schedule for October

Emmanuel group gatherings take place both in-person and online. Online meeting links are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). For more information on how to participate, [contact the church office](#).

October's weekly group gathering schedule is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM:

- **Keys to the Bible Class** (in-person). Meets weekly in Room 4. They are beginning a study of the Book of Hebrews. Contact [John Stocking](#) for more information.

Youth Check-in Sunday afternoon:

- **Sunday, October 11 at 4 PM (online)** Youth and adult sponsors meet online to share prayer concerns and a devotional.
- **Sunday, October 25 at 3 PM (in-person).** Youth and adult sponsors meet for an activity TBD.

Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) are reading *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by TJ Klune, with Molly Park leading in October. They meet online at 6:45 PM on Sunday's. To participate, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Worship Scripture Discussion (virtual).** Online discussion of the Scriptures for the next Sunday's worship. Contact Leah Wyckoff (<mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net>) to receive the study emails and meeting link.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Session Committee Report

- Examined with joy two new members who will be received in worship on Sunday, October 4th:
 - Alexis Wei, by reaffirmation of faith
 - Mike Ingram, by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church, Copperas Cove, TX

(The Reverend Naomi Ingram, minister member of Grace Presbytery, will be welcomed as a special friend of the congregation)
- Was reminded that the Stewardship season kick-off will take place on Sunday, October 11th, with the sermon series "Emmanuel Dreams" and a luncheon
- Learned that Whitney will be attending a preaching conference in Austin October 18th-20th
- Was made aware of Whitney's recent article published in Justice Unbound, entitled "Echoes of the Cargo Cult"
- Approved the Antiracism Covenant, with thanks to the Task Force composed of Elaine Hsieh, Helen Sink, James and Sheryl Taylor, along with Pastor Whitney
- Had an initial conversation regarding a possible Congregational Benevolence Fund
- Was made aware of the need for two elder commissioners to attend the Stated `Presbytery Meeting on Thursday, October 8th, at First Presbyterian Church, Granbury, where Whitney will be one of two preachers
- Voted 7-1 to approve the new EPC Logo and Tagline
- Voted to receive the 2025 Church Financial Review, with great thanks to Rick Thompson, Linda Greenwell, and Linda Greenwell for their excellent work
- Learned that the Call to Worship for World Communion Sunday on October 4th will be in five languages: English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, and Portuguese
- Was made aware that The Reverend Sarah Crowther-Dixon, Director of UKIrk TCU, will preach on November 22nd.

REDESIGNED EPC LOGO



- PCUSA cross featured.
- Clean, modern design.
- Can be used in either square or rectangular cropping, with or without white background.
- Blue-green shading on cross to reflect we are a certified Earth Care congregation.
- Tag line that is direct, easy to understand, and easy to read.
- A clear naming of who we are.
- Easy to change colors/fonts/spacing on Canva





Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 12 pm)

Thursday, October 1

CANCELLED

For more information contact:

Donna R: xxx-xxx-5464 or

Denise K: xxx-xxx-8665



Ruth Fellowship

(3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm)

Monday, October 19

Bottle cap Alley Icehouse Grill

1469 W. State Hwy 114

Grapevine TX

For more information contact:

Melissa D.: xxx-xxx-4234

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please email office@emmanuelpc.org
by the fourth Sunday of the month.

BIRTHDAYS



Mark P. 10/01

Lisa K. 10/03

Nancy C. 10/09

Randal W. 10/09

Tak Yan Y. 10/09

Susan La P. 10/10

Susan G. 10/12

Rick T. 10/16

Anni W. 10/17

Leah W. 10/17

Renee W. 10/18

Shirley M. 10/28

Chris C. 10/29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ON

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
FOR COLUMBUS DAY**

Office will reopen on
Tuesday, October 13 at 8 am.



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time. Please choose one.

- ♦ You may scan the QR code on the right or on the church bulletin
- ♦ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service
- ♦ Send via email to prayer@emmanuelpc.org.

Be sure to designate in the email/form if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation. All prayers received by Sunday evening will be included in the weekly prayer list. Prayers may be edited for clarity and brevity, but the essence will still be there.

****Prayer requests received through texts are not recommended. ****

Thank you for sharing prayer concerns and participating in the congregation's prayer life!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Do you have gifts for hospitality and welcoming people? Emmanuel's Deacons are looking for volunteers to host refreshments after worship on a Summer Sunday. Host by yourself or partner with a friend or family member, whatever works for you. Sunday Hospitality hosting involves about 20 minutes of setup before worship, then serving food after worship and cleaning up. We have some treats on-hand in the fellowship hall freezer and funds are available to reimburse you for food purchased.

To sign up, contact B. Edwards or write your name on the Sunday Hospitality schedule in the narthex. Thank you for considering it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. Our Child Protection Policy requires no less than 2 adults in the nursery with the children. This does not have to be on a regular basis but will give most of you a chance to enjoy being with the children.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and the CE committee would appreciate the extra help. What a wonderful way to use your talents at Emmanuel!

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken R. to participate in a training session.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at [Sign Up Genius](#). One of the counters should be an ELDER and the other person a Volunteer. Thank you for volunteering!!

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