



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:00am

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you are here whether it is in person or online. Children are welcome for all aspects of our worship service and church life. To aid parents and children attending in person, children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. A "Fidgety Friends" room is available upstairs behind the sanctuary if children become restless and parents would like a comfortable place to continue to participate in worship.

### Mission Statement

L- Loving

I- Inclusive

F- Family of Faith

E- Empowering People in Christ

-seeking justice

-loving kindness

-walking humbly (Micah 6:8)

We are a certified PCUSA Earth Care Congregation:

- Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.
- Our education will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing creation.
- Our facilities will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all of creation.
- Our outreach will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am

January 14, 2024

### **We Gather in Worship**

#### Greeting and Announcements

*[Please note your nearest exit. Silence your cell phones. Restrooms are available behind the sanctuary in the narthex. Remember to add your prayer requests on the sheets provided for inclusion in the Prayers of the People or online by scanning the QR code here.]*



#### Centering Words

*God speaks to each of us as God makes us, then walks with us silently out of the night. These are the words we dimly hear: You, sent out beyond your recall, go to the limits of your longing. Embody me. Flare up like flame and make big shadows I can move in. Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final. Don't let yourself lose me. Nearby is the country they call life. You will know it by its seriousness. Give me your hand.*

Prelude

Think About His Love

Arr. Mark Hayes

#### \*Call to Worship

In our early days, full of promise and possibility

**God calls to us.**

In our young years, full of urgency and searching

**God calls to us.**

In our middle years, full of activity and work

**God calls to us.**

In our golden years, full of memory and service

**God calls to us.**

In every season of our life, in every moment of our days,

God calls to us. Let us gather together and listen.

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn (GTG) No. 664

Morning Has Broken

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### **We Are Renewed in Grace**

#### Invitation to Confession

Take a moment now for realness: to come before God as you are, not as your most perfect self, but as your true self, knowing that God meets you, and us all, with grace.

## Prayer of Confession

**We confess, Calling God, that it is sometimes easiest to pretend we do not hear your voice. When you call us to cast aside our status and privilege to put the forgotten first, we do not always listen. When you call us to let go of old grudges and bitterness and become kinder, more loving people, we do not always listen. When you call us to walk with you on unknown roads, we sometimes remain stuck in our own smaller, comfortable ways of life. Call us again, and give us hearts and ears to hear you, and follow wherever you lead.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578      O Lord, Have Mercy      ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ  
Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
We are forgiven; a new creation! Thanks be to God.**

## We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering      Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading      John 1:43-51 (page 967, red Bible)

Anthem      Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name      Brazeal W. Dennard  
*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Old Testament Reading      1 Samuel 3:1-20 (pages 244-245, red Bible)

Sermon Title      That Voice      Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 722      Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak      CANONBURY

## We Experience God's Grace

\*Affirmation of Faith      *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,**

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, amen.**

Offering our Gifts to God

*[Note: if you wish to contribute online, you may do so  
at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) or using the QR code in the bulletin insert.]*

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

George Blake

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

*Liturgy by: Ranier Maria Rilke, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.*

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Tonia Thompson, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

