



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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 people of all ages, including children, in worship participation, a Liturgical Library is available in the narthex to the right of the sanctuary door with tools for engaging the senses in worship, including drawing and movement tools. 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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

January 25, 2026

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, the days are so short, and yet our lives remain just as busy. Our bodies are cold, and yet we do not have the luxury of hiding away under blankets, waiting out the winter. Open our eyes to the promises even this chilly, dark time brings. The promises of birds who can be seen because the branches are empty of leaves. The promises of starlight in a cold blue-black sky. The promises of a season of honoring our bodies with the things they need: warming soups and hot cocoa, movement and rest, work and play. Help us, like the hibernating creatures, lean into loving our bodies as they brace in the cold, and especially honor those bodies that do not have a place to find warmth. Inspire us to care for those left out in the cold: those without homes, those who are older and alone, the pets forgotten outside. May we find our own warmth in bringing them warmth, our own light in bringing them light. Amen.

Prelude

Change My Heart, Oh God

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship *Ephesians 2:14-16*

Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one,
and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
Christ has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two,
thus making peace,
and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross,
thus putting to death that hostility through it.
We will worship the One who makes us one!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come before the God who restores us to ourselves, who mends our broken humanity and trust in each other, and who makes us a beautifully diverse whole.

Prayer of Confession

God of renewal, we confess that we have desired justice without repair. Liberation without healing. We have purged our stories of nuance, and exalted tragedy as the most important thing. Other times we have demanded a rushed unity of the oppressed, without fully contending with all the ways the union is still to their demise. We have not offered meaningful reparations, choosing to retain wealth that never really belonged to us. And, as for our own healing, we are terrified. We confess that we forget who we are when we aren't hurting. We want more for ourselves, but something keeps pulling us back to loveless places. Have mercy on us in our resistance, that we would pursue repair and enter the healing we were meant for.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession) Amen.

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

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Let your soul receive this rest: the God who resurrects seeks to mend the brokenhearted, provide for the economically oppressed, honor the aging, and protect the vulnerable. Find renewal in the divine, that we would welcome healing as it knocks. **We reintegrate every part of us that this world has tried to cleave apart. As we receive this mercy, it holds us and keeps us, that our hope for liberation in God is reborn each morning. Amen.**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (page 493, red Bible)

Anthem

Be My Hands and Feet

Tony Alonso

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-18 (page 1038, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title

Undivided Attention

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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We Experience God's Grace

Affirmation of Faith *Belhar Confession*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church as the community of believers

who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

We believe that God has entrusted the Church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the Church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the Church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the Church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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 or using the QR code here.]*



Offertory

Agape

Jim Tidwell

*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

God of patience, we offer these gifts acknowledging that we are often eager for fast results, and immediate change. Stir in us the patience for that long, steady, sustainable road to healing and wholeness for all of your children. Use these gifts for the repair of a world torn apart, for the restoration of a people who have forgotten our belonging to each other, and for your vision of a creation united in goodness, amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

You are encouraged to remain and enjoy the postlude as a moment of prayer and worship before departing today.

*Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

All are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with one another over refreshments in the narthex following this service.

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Cole Arthur Riley.

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

Ken Richardson, Children's Gathering

