



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, January 16, 2022
10:00am

Mission Statement

Courageously proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we:

- worship and glorify God,
- grow in faith as disciples,
- seek justice and mercy,
- and nurture those in need while embracing all humanity.

Welcome to this service of worship. The Emmanuel congregation invites all ages to worship God together. 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.

Celebration of Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am

January 16, 2022

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

[Remember to add your prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayers of the People at <https://forms.gle/SYTJ4pe93vk16CDx6>]

Centering Words

This week we're introduced to a God of great pleasure! The divine takes a posture of abundant, celebratory delight in Their people. In fact, abundance is woven into these texts, characterizing the Source as one who has more than plenty to give with no means tests or red tape. Even without a clear purpose aside from beauty and enjoyment, God moves and rejoices with humanity. Amongst conventional Christian traditions that can often disparage or condemn "hedonism", may our union with God be ever-pleasurable, offering abundant freedom to revel in Their goodness.

Prelude

Spirit of Grace

Arr. Ben Logan

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, stretching to the heavens—

People: God, lofty like the clouds—

Leader: God, mighty like the mountains—

People: God, immense like the great deep—

Leader: your salvation is expansive and generous, touching people and creatures alike. We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love,

People: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, love!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We Are Renewed in Grace

Remembering Baptism (Liturgist)

Prayer of Confession

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us—like water into wine— to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 701

Lord, Prepare Me

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down. Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, love! Healer, Prophet, Mystic. Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

People: In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Psalter Reading

Psalm 36, 5-10 (page 499, red Bible)

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (page 1046, red Bible)

Anthem

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11 (page 967, red Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Mother's Influence"

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith (Excerpts from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

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.

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer Glory to God Hymnal, page 35
Offering our Gifts to God

[Note: You may contribute online at emmanuelpc.org or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]

Invitation to the Offering

There is so much joy in choosing community. This is where we remember that who we are is enough. This is how we free ourselves from lies that deaden. This is what makes possible laughter and hope, whatever else life brings. With thanks, let us share all that we have.

Offertory Abide with Me Arr. Timothy Matthews

*Doxology Glory to God Hymnal, page 608

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, your delight in us is a healing grace. Everyday, we hold so much. There is worry here. There are silent struggles. There are needs unmet. In the heart of everything difficult, your love is a constant. For all that enables rest and freedom and the comfort of collective care, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vs.1-3) BEECHER

*Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude March of the Faithful Arr. Robert J. Hughes

Join us for Fellowship Time at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom to catch up personally and pray with each other following worship: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83365681350>

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Sources for this service: Centering Words and Offertory Liturgy: Enfleshed, 2021. Other liturgy from Call to Worship, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Sheryl Taylor

