



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 18, 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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

January 18, 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

There is a place where you do not have to hide your true self. There is a place where you can bring all your hopes and all your fears, all your dreams and all your doubts. There is a place where God sees you, and loves you, just as you are, while God dreams new dreams for us all. This is that place. You are welcome here. You are seen here. You are beloved here. Come and see, and be seen.

We Worship And Adore You

*Call to Worship

We wait patiently for our God.

We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One who calls us here.

We will not chase after other gods.

We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One in whom we can trust.

We will tell of all God has done for us.

We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One whose salvation is for all.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 519 (sung three times) You Are My Strength When I Am Weak JERNIGAN

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Let us come before God and each other with honesty.

Prayer of Confession

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the

powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip. There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

(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

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all the God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God, and your truest self.

We will sing of God's love for us;

We will sing a new song of hope and wonder.

Thanks be to God.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 40:1-11 (pages 502-503, red Bible)

Anthem

Even Here

Mark A. Miller

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42 (pages 966-967, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Come and See Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

We Experience God's Grace

Affirmation of Faith *The Confession of 1967*

**The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain
that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance
is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.**

**Because Jesus identified himself with the
needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.
The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product
of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless,
lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding,
or rapid expansion of populations.**

The church calls every person to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their family and the advancement of the common welfare.

It encourages those forces in human society that raise humanity's hopes for better conditions and provides them with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

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

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

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude Toccata all' Offertorio Zipoli

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, Thom Shuman.

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:

Jude Langsdorf, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

