



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 21, 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

January 21, 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

Prayer requires stillness. Running away had always been so easy. Sitting silent in self-judgement – forget it! But waves only churn the surface. In the deep beneath the deep Jonah was wholly present. We all flee from uncomfortable conversations, the drip of a hospital IV, the truths we don't want to own, the work we don't want to do. Now we're in the belly of the whale, someplace deep and strange. God calls us to awareness: to stand our ground in the place where we are, to do the work which needs doing. To bring kindness and mercy even to those who are unlike us. Are we listening?

Prelude

We Worship And Adore You

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

The Word of the Lord came,
hope for all people cradled in love's arms.
The Word of the Lord comes,
calling us out of our comfort zones,
to go where grace is needed most.
The Word of the Lord will come,
gathering all the outsiders and insiders
into one community of life.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn (GTG) No. 410

God is Calling through the Whisper

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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

God, we confess that we see change in this world as the greatest threat to your work: it seems that so much changes so fast, and people do not follow you as we think they should. But your Spirit convicts us that the greatest threat to your work in this world might just be *our* inability to change, to do a new a thing, to let go of our old

profitable ways in favor of the risks of your kingdom. We do not want to change, and that perhaps is our weightiest sin of all. Forgive us, and lead us by your Spirit to be a new creation, ever-changing, ever-reforming, by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 Ken Richardson

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20 (page 910, red Bible)

Anthem Weave Me Lord Linda A. Spencer
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-10 (page 845, red Bible)

Sermon Title The Day God's Mind Changed Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 422 Create in Me a Clean Heart (sung twice) CREATE IN ME (Capers)

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *The Confession of 1967*

The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions.

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation.

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 in the bulletin insert.]*

Offertory

Grazioso

Telemann

*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

**Freely, we offer these gifts, O God. Freely, receive them for the good and welfare
of all people, for the work of your hands on earth, and for the life of the world,
amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Opening Words *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

There are different gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are varieties of ways to serve God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through people in different ways.
But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.
Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ.

Presentation of Elders and Deacons

Elders

Deacons

Chris Cable

Kristin Hartwell

Melissa Durkee

Helen Sink (2-year term)

Linda Greenwell†

Linda Villarreal

Tonia Thompson

† *first time ordinand*

Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church accept these people as elders and
deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us
in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
We do.

Prayer

All ordained ruling elders and ministers are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

We Leave to Serve

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

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Recessional Chester Nordman

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Rabbi Rachel Barenblat, 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:

Katie Phillips, Liturgist

Ken Richardson, Children's Gathering