



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 28, 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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

January 28, 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

You pull on your work boots, crafted from love; you hang justice and peace on your tool belt; you take on rebuilding neighborhoods when we would walk away. What have you to do with us, Holy God? You model compassion for us. You take us by the hand to lift us to our feet; you show us the path which leads to humility; you leave a trail of grace crumbs, so that we might follow. What have you to do with us, Brother of the poor? You call us to serve by your side. You plant words of peace deep into our hearts; you raise up little children to whisper hope to us; you stand by the side of all who look for life. What have you to do with us, Spirit of grace? You teach us how to build up others with love. What have you to do with us, God in Community, Holy in One? Everything it turns out. Everything.

Prelude

Create in Me A Clean Heart

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

God is calling us to gather together.

In Jesus Christ, we are one.

God is calling us to join with our neighbors around the world.

In Jesus Christ, we are one.

God is calling us to bring in those who are lost,
and those who have been rejected.

In Jesus Christ, we are one.

In Jesus Christ, all of us belong to one another,
for we are the body of Christ.

* Hymn (GTG) No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come to this open place, and be unburdened. Let go of the things that are not yours to carry. Release what does not serve you, or this world: the regret, the unease, the guilt. Open yourself to the One who comes to you, bringing release, freedom, and peace.

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Redeemer, we confess that there are unclean spirits at work in our midst. Spirits of competition, anger, pride and self-importance plague your church, just as they plague this world. Forgive us if we have been influenced by these spirits rather than by your Spirit. Cleanse us, forgive us, and make us whole, in your name, and then send us out to proclaim that wholeness to all the world.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

We know who God is – the One who comes to love us, to forgive us, and to save us.

Thanks be to God. We will spread this good news, and share this grace and hope, with everyone we meet. Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 111:1-10 (page 551, red Bible)

Anthem

Even Here

Mark Miller

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28 (page 910, red Bible)

Sermon Title

A New Teaching Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

We Experience God's Grace

**Affirmation of Faith Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

"Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (I Cor. 1:30.) As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

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 Moderato con moto César Franck

*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

**Gather our gifts, our hearts, our very lives, Loving God, and use them in your work
of redemption, grace, and hope for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Fantasy in A minor Edward Broughton

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Thom Shuman, 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:

Leah Wyckoff, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering