



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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

4th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am

January 29, 2023

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

“Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.” - Kenyan Proverb

Prelude

Lord Be Glorified

Arr. Laura Bergquist

*Call to worship

Leader: Blessed:

People: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek.

Leader: We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed;

People: those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted.

Leader: Blessed.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

At the baptismal font:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the faith, hope, and love you give to us
through the blessing of our baptism—
claiming us as your beloved children,
calling us to the path of discipleship,
revealing to us the light of your glory.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
help us to follow you with faith,

to trust in you with hope,
and to serve you with love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Leader: God has told us what is good, what is required:
Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.
These commands are so simple,
yet we know we have not always followed them.
With that knowledge, we confess.

Prayer of Confession In Unison:

**Merciful God,
we fail to do what is right.
Instead, we pursue evil
and do not speak the truth.
Even when we try our best to be faithful,
still we turn away from you.
Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us,
that we may seek to do what you call good.**

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 419 Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House RIDGEMOOR

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lifting water from the font:

Pastor: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification
and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and
forgives us with abundant love.

People: We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.

Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

People: Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1–12 (page 880, red Bible)

Anthem

I Have Felt the Hand of God

Craig Courtney

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:1–8 (pages 850-851, red Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith in Song

Hymn (GTG) No. 70 What Does the Lord Require of You?

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

Offering our Gifts to God

[Note: An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary or you may contribute online at emmanuelpc.org or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]

Invitation to the Offering

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. From God's good creation, we have all that we need, indeed, we have more than we need. Let us worship God, then, by returning our tithes and offerings as tokens of our commitment to love and serve the Lord.

Offertory I Love You, Lord Arr. Bruce Greer

*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

Holy God, we have received from your gracious hand abundance upon abundance, grace upon grace. Accept these offerings, we pray, and bless them and multiply them, that through these gifts we might see your kingdom at work among us. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 749 Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude To God Be the Glory Arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

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Worship Leaders

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John Field, Liturgist
Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering