



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, February 4, 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

February 4, 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

God, what is your call on my life? I am listening. Blessed are you who wonder if you'll ever find your vocation. You who desire to be part of the solution to the world's pain. May God nudge you in exactly the right direction, where your gifts meet great need. Blessed are you if you have stepped away from a job due to retirement or a diagnosis or a life change. Life is different, but your purpose remains. Blessed are you when you wonder if your calling will cost too much – you who do the good, hard work of serving others. The way you pour out may often go unnoticed. But today, may you feel fresh wind in your sails because this is more than a job: this is a call. Grant us meaning. Give us people to serve, good work to do. And pour back into us more than we pour out. After all, we're only human.

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness William M. Runyan/arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship God,
whose creative imagination never fails:
Being found by God, we will search for the forgotten.

We gather to praise our God,
whose steadfast love never weakens:
Being raised with Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

We gather to offer all of ourselves to God,
Being sustained by the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn (GTG) No. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways we sometimes treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, but we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast and as far from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus. Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

Have you not been listening? God never tires out, and there is not an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service. **If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39 (page 911, red Bible)

Anthem

Love Grows Here

Don Besig

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31 (pages 654-655, red Bible)

Sermon Title

Not One is Missing Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

We Experience God's Grace

**Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Open Our Eyes

Arr. Mark Zeeman

*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

**You lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with
your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and
use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry,
and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MC KEE

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Toccata in F Buxtehude

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Kate Bowler, 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:

Caroline Loy, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

