



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, February 11, 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

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00am

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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

*For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.*

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Robert Lau

*Call to Worship

You are with us, God of sunrises:
**you awaken us with each bright new day,
overflowing with promise.**
You are with us, Inviting God:
**calling us to respond to all the chances
to share the spirit of grace and hope.**
You are with us, Glory of God:
**gathering us into the presence of your peace,
listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.**

* Hymn (GTG) No. 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

We can become so burned out by our hectic days that we lose sight of the One who gives us life. We can become so impatient waiting for God to astound us with wonders, when we have the simple gift of each day. In these quiet moments, away from all those things that distract us, let us bring our brokenness to the One who listens to our hearts, and heals our souls.

Prayer of Confession

The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we do not always recognize this. We indulge in distraction and disconnection, and have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can even hoard your love for us, as we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope. Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

The promise is true – God's journeys with us in all the places of our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Here we give thanks to our God. Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 (pages 328-329, red Bible)

Anthem

Prayer for Transfiguration Day

John Weaver

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9 (page 919, red Bible)

Sermon Title

The Clouds of Change Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 819

Be Still My Soul

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* (hymnal GTG pg 35)

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

Offertory in G

Edward Broughton

*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

We could remember the giants of the past, or serve the little ones of today. We could build grand facilities, or restore neighbors. We could stay on mountaintops, or go into the valleys of loneliness with our arms full of grace. May our lives and gifts we offer be used in your work of justice and hope, we pray. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Prelude in F major, BWV 556

J.S.Bach

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Malcolm Guite, 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:

Dina Ferreira, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering