



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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 people of all ages, including children, in worship participation, a Liturgical Library is available in the narthex to the right of the sanctuary door with tools for engaging the senses in worship, including drawing and movement tools. 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

It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, Peter, James, and John had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded. Even with us something like that happens once in a while. The face of a man walking his child in the park, of a woman picking peas in the garden, of sometimes even the unlikeliest person listening to a concert, say, or standing barefoot in the sand watching the waves roll in, or just enjoying a Saturday baseball game in July. Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing.

Prelude

Praise the Lord

Arr. Bill Wolaver

*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. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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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) Amen.

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578 O Lord, Have Mercy ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

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 God!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Barbara Edwards

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18 (pages 69-70, red Bible)

Anthem

By Faith and Not by Sight

Lloyd Larson

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9 (page 894, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title

The Clouds of Change

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 459

O Word of God Incarnate

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed, hymnal page 34*

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 here.]*



Offertory

Agape

Jim Tidwell

*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

You are encouraged to remain and enjoy the postlude as a moment of prayer and worship before departing today.

*Postlude Fantasy in A minor Edward Broughton

All are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with one another over refreshments in the narthex following this service.

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Frederick Buechner, 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:

Elaine Hsieh, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering

