



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

**Sunday, February 8, 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

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Celebrating Scouts

10:00am

February 8, 2026

## 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

*In a world that is always asking us to become something, someone, some success story. . .  
In this place we say: don't become, be who we already are. Don't become light -be the light you already are—  
this is what God anciently placed in you. Don't become salt – be the salt you already are –  
bringing a taste of hope to a weary world. For from these elements: Salt and Light, God uniquely crafted  
you. Be who you are, and discover the one who loves you in your be-ing.*

Prelude

Piano Sonata

by W. A. Mozart

### \*Call to Worship

If the human body, body of blood and muscle,  
is to live, it needs salt.

**If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice,  
is to live, it needs us!**

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming,  
is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

**If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,  
it needs the Spirit's light!**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

This is what God hopes for us: that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. We let go of what we need no longer carry before the God who carries us all.

## Prayer of Confession

**It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us. Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(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

God will show us the way to God's peaceable family.  
Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God who saves!  
**God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering *Celebrating Scouts!*

## Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading      Psalm 112:1-10 (pages 551-552, red Bible)

Anthem                      Amazing Grace                      arr. Sandra Eithun  
                                       (Emmanuel Bell Choir)

Gospel Reading                      Matthew 5:13-20 (page 880, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title	Salt and Light	Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche
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\*Hymn (GTG) No. 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

## We Experience God's Grace

Affirmation of Faith *adapted from the Scout Law*

**We will be an example for others.  
When we hear lies,  
We will be trustworthy.  
If there are people others can't depend on,  
We will be loyal.  
When we see jobs that need to be done,**

We will be helpful.  
 When we meet new people who look or act differently than ourselves,  
 We will be friendly.  
 When we see others who are mean or rude,  
 We will be courteous.  
 When others are too busy to stop and offer help,  
 We will be kind.  
 When others don't follow the rules,  
 We will be obedient.  
 While others grumble and whine,  
 We will be cheerful.  
 In a culture that values waste and always wanting more,  
 We will be thrifty.  
 When we are scared and afraid,  
 We will be brave.  
 When we see garbage and pollution everywhere,  
 We will be clean.  
 While others make fun of beliefs or family traditions,  
 We will be reverent.  
 We will do our duty to God and country, building communities of care  
 and service, together.

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](http://emmanuelpc.org) or using the QR code here.]*



Offertory

Give Thanks

by Henry Smith

\*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

Jesus, you have said that your followers must be the light to the world. Light  
 dispels shadows. It is life-giving. Help us, Lord, to be a light to this world, so  
 that our lives radiate your message of love, hope, and joy. You also  
 said, Lord Jesus, that your disciples must be the salt to this earth. Salt gives taste

to food. It saves from spoilage. It is a healing agent. Lord, may we be the salt that takes away the blandness in the routine of living, that prevents the rottenness of hatred and greed from expanding around us. Bring compassionate healing to all, through these resources and our lives, in your name, amen.

## We Leave to Serve

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

\*Postlude

O Praise Ye the Lord

*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 Roddy Hamilton, Caldwell United Methodist Church, Thom Shuman, Catholic Online.

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Gloria Chae, Guest Organist

Emmanuel Bell Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

John Field, Liturgist

