



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, March 24, 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

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00am

March 24, 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

Look, and look again. This world is not just a little thrill for the eyes. It's more than bones. It's more than the delicate wrist with its personal pulse. It's more than the beating of the single heart. It's praising. It's giving until the giving feels like receiving. You have a life—just imagine that! You have this day, and maybe another, and maybe still another...I have become the child of the clouds, and of hope. I have become the friend of the enemy, whoever that is. I have become older and, cherishing what I have learned, I have become younger. And what do I risk to tell you this, which is all I know? Love yourself. Then forget it. Then, love the world.

Prelude

Oh, How He Loves You And Me

Arr. Mark Hayes

Introit

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Douglas E. Wagner

(Emmanuel Bell Choir)

*Call to Worship

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

*Processional Hymn (GTG) No. 196 All Glory, Laud and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Procession of Choir and Worship Leaders

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Lent is a season to move with intention towards Easter. We lay aside what we do not need to carry with us this journey: setting aside the regret, the mistakes, and the heavy loads. We cling to the joy of resurrection life that comes, even now, drawing near to us as we draw near to God.

Prayer of Confession

**Christ our Redeemer,
try as we might,
we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves,
we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient.
You simply ask us to care about this world you created,
but we fail to do even that. Forgive us.
You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love.
Heal us, and help us to follow.**

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 577 Lord, Have Mercy KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

Assurance of Pardon

Even in the face of hatred and violence, we know that Christ loves us.
Even when enduring death,
Christ cares for us;
Christ forgives us.
Thanks be to the God of mercy!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11 (page 922, red Bible)

Anthem

Hosanna to the King

Lloyd Larson

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-13 (pages 1097, 1098, red Bible)

Sermon Title

enjoyLENT: Self-Giving Joy Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed *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.**

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 **It Is Well with My Soul** Ron Loree

*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 give of ourselves, O God, for the good of the world. We give of our time, O God,
for the good of the world. We give of our kindness, O God, for the good of the world.
We give of our resources, O God, for the good of the world. Pour out all these gifts,
filling the world with your joy once more, amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 716 **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** BEACH SPRING

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude **Toccata in E minor** Pachelbel

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Mary Oliver, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Emmanuel Bell Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Sheryl Taylor, Liturgist

Kristin Hartwell, Children's Gathering

