



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 12, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Easter Cantata Sunday

10:00am

April 12, 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

Douglas Nolan

*In the serenity of this sacred place, let us pause and recall the life, ministry, and passion of Jesus. Let us consider His journey of grace and embrace His gospel of peace. Through the assurance of scripture, we will still our hearts and remember. As we listen and learn, may we breathe in the healing love that is God's Spirit of truth. May we draw closer to the cross and abide in its shadow. In this gathering of grace, may we, as one people, worship in hope and cast our dreams to the coming of dawn.*

### Prelude

Assurance

Tom Birchwood

### \*Call to Worship

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
How good it is, how wonderful,  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
If Christ's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would shout aloud.**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

We come before God and each other trusting that with God, there is grace. We do not fear honesty. We trust in the promises of resurrection: of being made new.

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, maker of all, have mercy on us. Jesus Christ, servant of the poor, have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us. Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness; to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

*(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

Hear this good news, and let it dwell in your body: the grace of God covers our entire existence. Nothing is beyond God's redeeming love. **We are a forgiven people, set free from a past we cannot change to embrace a future in which we can be changed, by God's grace. Amen.**

## We Receive God's Word in Story and Song

A Gathering of Grace

Douglas Nolan

Easter Day Breaks, Christ Arises

Lloyd Larson

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Narrated by Blaise Ferrandino

## We Experience God's Grace

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

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*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

**Use these gifts, O God, for the building up of all your people, for the renewal of the earth, for the survival of the struggling, and for the joy of common life together, in your name, amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 649    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound    AMAZING GRACE

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

\*Postlude                                      Go Now and Serve the Lord                                      Douglas E. Wagner

*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, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Iona Community Scotland.



### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor & Liturgist

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

