



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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*

## *The 6th Sunday in Lent-Palm Sunday*

10:00am

April 13, 2025

### **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

*The more we listen to our own anger, the better a listener it becomes. It becomes less of a weapon and more a path to greater attunement with our own needs and desires. An anger that is confident in its own belonging doesn't need to compete to be held. It's hope becomes not for its own survival, but for the life of the soul that bears it. . . Holy anger is that which liberates. It marches, chants, and flips tables, demanding wrong be called by its rightful name.*

Prelude

Clarion Call  
(Emmanuel Bell Choir)

Michael Joy

#### \*Call to Worship

The dust that shapes the journey,  
the cross that guides it,  
**the color that surrounds it,**  
**the light that fades through it,**  
the word that foretells it,  
the wilderness that invites it.

**This is Lent,**  
**and into its wilderness**

**God calls us.**

With this here flesh,  
bringing weary bodies and tentative spirits,  
**we make our journey together.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

### **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession

Some might say that to be Presbyterian is to be polite. But politeness is not who we are; we are a people who seek the grace that changes us. We are a people unafraid to tell the truth, to seek reformation in all places and all times, and to rest upon God's abundant grace for all of us.

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of the prophets, we confess that we have demonized anger, confining it to an interior prison instead of granting it time and space to be free, just like any other piece of our selfhood. We have not acted in defense of those who've needed it. We have let fear of how we might be perceived keep us from the truth-telling that others are worthy of, that we are worthy of. We have ignored anger in our bodies, disguising it with whichever mask feels good to us. We have valued the comfort of the wounder over the dignity of the wounded. Have mercy on us for all that suppression has stolen from us. Forgive our emotional numbness, and grant us access to safe rage, collective rage, a rage that liberates.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession) Amen.*

Sung Response (GTG) No. 27

Sacred the Body, verse 1

TENDERNESS

*Sacred the body God has created,  
temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.  
Cherish each person; nurture relation.  
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.*

#### Assurance of Pardon

Let your soul receive this rest: the God who flipped the tables of greed and exclusion in the temple forgives us for holding our anger captive. The divine remains in our bodies as we destroy the tables of injustice still standing today. **May God sharpen our tongues, that we would speak with precision and emotion. With them, we are kept from punishing ourselves for all the times we were silenced in the past. With them, we open our mouths now for all we've lost. Amen.**

### We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 35:1-10 (page 498, red Bible)

Anthem

Ride on King Jesus

arr. Joseph M. Martin

*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-21 (pages 922-923, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Rage

Miriam Bolles

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

## **We Experience God's Grace**

*\*Affirmation of Faith Isaiah 58:1-11*

**Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?  
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.  
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.  
If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you always;  
God will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.  
You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.**

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 in the bulletin insert.]*

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

**We will hold nothing back from you this day, God of our lives. We offer all of ourselves – our joy, our fear, even our rage – that we might be a people ignited by your vision of a world set right. Use all these gifts, and the gift of our honesty and emotion, for the turning of tables of injustice, and the building of a welcome table, in your name, amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

\*Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Marcello

*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: Cole Arthur Riley, Roddy Hamilton, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.*

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Miriam Bolles, Preacher

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Emmanuel Bell Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Katie Phillips, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

