



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 26, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00am

April 26, 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. Add your prayer requests on the sheets in the friendship pad for inclusion in the Prayers of the People by placing them in the offering plate at the back, or online by scanning the QR code here. A note on worship bulletin symbols: \*please rise in body or spirit. (GTG) – purple Glory to God Hymnal under the seat in front of you. Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.*



### Centering Words

*Lead us, Creation's Architect, into all those places where we will discover your hope waiting to nourish and restore our famished souls. Lead us, Shepherd of little children, into all those places where we may have the joy of filling the emptiness of others with your goodness. Lead us, Spirit of Goodness, into all those places where deeds of kindness and hands overflowing with mercy speak louder than platitudes.*

### Prelude

Think About His Love

Arr. Mark Hayes

### \*Call to Worship

The peace of morning's stillness, the peace of new beginnings  
**The peace of heaven's kiss, to welcome us to this day**  
to root us in this day, to free us for this day,  
**That we may grow with the greening earth,**  
**that we may grow from the ground of glory**  
That we may grow in grateful wonder of You,  
Gracious Giver of this day, Great Giver of this new day.

### \*Hymn (GTG) No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

Knowing how easy it is to wander from the paths of right living; aware of all the shadowed valleys we wander; remembering how we have failed to place our trust in God - how can we not come to God with our honesty?

### Prayer of Confession

**Comfort of your people: we confess the emptiness of our souls that sends us searching for all those things that cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fills us with lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to be a distracted and disconnected people. Our trust in the hollow promises of capitalism and greed turns us away from the shelter you**



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

Offertory in G

Edward Broughton

\*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

**As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of the future, so you might lead us into your future, may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus' name, 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.*

\*Postlude

Alla Maestoso

Chester Norman

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

Liturgy by: Thom Shuman, Iona Community Scotland, 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:

Tonia Thompson, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering