



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 19, 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

Pentecost Sunday

10:00am

May 19, 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

We wait for the Lord with our whole self, because the Lord is our shield and our help. Our hearts are full of joy in God because we trust God's name is true. Lord, let your kindness rest on us because we hope in you.

Prelude/Processional

When the Saints

Prelude (GTG) No. 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Play well, and shout with joy!

For everything God does is good.

God's kind love fills the world.

God's word made the heavens,

and God's breath made the stars.

God gathers the sea up in heaps

and stores the deep in jars.

Let everyone who lives on earth

stand in awe of God:

Good Creator, Wild Spirit, Compassionate Child.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Confessing our sin is life-giving: it allows the breath of God to clear out the dusty and dry corners of our souls, filling us with life through Jesus Christ. Let us open ourselves to the fresh wind of the Spirit, as we come before God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

The wind blows and we hear the sound of it, but we do not know where it comes from. We try to explain it away, but even our own breath speaks of new things we cannot understand. [SEP] We may be together in one place, but we do not speak with one voice, we do not listen with one heart. You pour out your Spirit, and

we squash the vision – it is too big, too unrealistic, too uncertain, too unruly. You send visions of a future with hope, and we look back instead. Forgive us, O God. Rush into this place again and fill every nook and cranny with dreams and visions of possibility. Turn our hushed whispers into proclamations of your grace, in every language of the world.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Leah Wyckoff

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (page 984, red Bible)

Anthem

As the Wind Song

arr. Brittney Axton

Gospel Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (page 992, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title

What's in a Name?

Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

*Hymn (GTG) No. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith A portion of the Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 (GTG) No. 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*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

Freely, you pour out your wild spirit upon us all, O God. Freely, we give from your abundance, that we may bless all people with your good things. Use all these gifts to build a world of plenty, justice, and mercy, amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*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 (GTG) No. 637

Cantai ao Senhor

CANTAI AO SENHOR

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Carey Wallace (Psalms of Wonder - Psalm 33), Thom Shuman, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar, Guest Preacher

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Blaise Ferrandino, bass

DeWayne Wright, congas

Robin Byrd, trombone

Ken Richardson, alto saxophone and flute

Leah Wyckoff, flute

Emmanuel Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Sheryl Taylor, Liturgist

Leah Wyckoff, Children's Gathering