



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 26, 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

Trinity Sunday

10:00am

May 26, 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

Our God, your name is majestic over all the earth, and when we look up to the sky, it tells your glory too. Even children and babies are full of joy in what you make, and their joy in you is so strong it chases the dark away. When I look into the heavens that you made with your hands, and at the moon and stars that shine where you set them, I can only wonder why you love us so much, and why you would give your world to us.

Prelude

How Can I Keep From Singing

Lani Smith

*Call to Worship

Our God, your name is majestic over all the earth,
and when we look up to the sky, it tells your glory too.
You seat us near the angels and give us everything:
sheep and cows and wild animals,
birds in the air, fish in the sea –
all of the creatures who swim
the paths below the ocean's waves –
and all of it, everywhere,
sings out your name.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Let go of what is too heavy. Release the old bitterness and the decades-old guilt.
Become a forgiven free person, made whole through God's grace.

Prayer of Confession **Confession (E.K.M. Knappenberger, 2014)**

Leader: Living God of mercy, we confess that we have not upheld the ways of your Son, Jesus, as we have lived in times of plentitude.

People: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, Lord.

Leader: Living God of mercy, we confess that we have benefitted directly and indirectly from the violence done between nations, classes, races and genders.

People: We have turned our faces away from you, Lord.

Leader: Living God of mercy, we confess that our hearts have often been filled with pride and greed.

People: We have not sought you with all our hearts, Lord.

Leader: Living God of mercy, we confess that we have not given ourselves fully to the work of your peace in the world.

People: We have left undone the work of redemption, Lord.

Leader: Living God of mercy, we confess that we have judged our neighbors falsely.

People: We have not fully embodied the light of your truth, Lord.

Leader: Prince of Peace, help us to remember this day and always that you are the wonderful counselor to whom the nations look for healing and redemption. As you brought your people up from the land of slavery in order to make them a nation of priests, free us from the slaveries of addiction and reliance on systems of violence and sanctify us as agents of your domination-free order.

People: In your name we pray, Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

There is nothing God would not do for us. There is nowhere God would hide from us. There are no limits to God's mercy for us. **We are forgiven, set free, made whole by the God who names us beloved. Thanks be to God!**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Romans 8: 12-17 (page 1030, red Bible)

Anthem

Ancient Words

Craig Courtney

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 (page 968, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title

Let the Mystery Be

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Hymn (GTG) No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed, page 34 (GTG)

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 Interlude Stewart Landon

*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

Take our lives, O God, as a holy and living sacrifice for the good of all people. Use all of our gifts, our time, our talents, for the rebuilding of this world into a place of mercy, justice, and compassion, in your name, amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 493 Now There Is No Male or Female OMNI DIE

*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 To God Be the Glory Arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

*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), Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker, Guest Preacher
Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist
Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Tonia Thompson, Liturgist
Kristin Hartwell, Children's Gathering

