



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 10, 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 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 10, 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

Do not forget that you serve a Mystery that neither you nor your father's father nor your mother's mother began. And the laughter and the tears that accompany your labor are not born of your cleverness, or your holiness, but are reflections of the Mystery of God in the still waters of the eternal lake by moonlight. The God you serve is like an eternal lake whose waters are always calm and clear like glass, reflecting truth to all who gaze upon them. A million million reflections and the lake remains the same. It is not your job to stir the waters but to show the way to the lakeside.

Prelude

Be Still and Know/Be Still My Soul

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed! **Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate an ancient hope: God is with us and will never let us go.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come, draw near to the God who made you, who knows your name, and who dreams of renewed life for you. Come, let go of a past you cannot change, and be changed by the mysterious grace of God.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all, we confess that we rush to explain what we do not understand. We settle for half-baked theologies and trite answers that can never meet the complications of our lives and our world. Jesus of life, we confess that we spend

*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

**God our maker, use these gifts and our lives to proclaim your presence in this
weary world. Show us how to partner with our community with dignity and
generosity. Show us the gift of bearing one another's burdens, and of trusting
another with ours. Show us your very presence made known in holy glimpses
of compassion, care, and giving of ourselves for the good of the world, amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

March of the Faithful

Robert J. Hughes

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

Liturgy by: William C. Martin, Tracy Davenport, 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:

Joyce Morris, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

