



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 24, 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 Day of Pentecost

10:00am

May 24, 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

Are you waiting on a sign from God? Are you waiting for the Spirit to breathe new life into you, and this world? Remember that we do not wait without hope. The Spirit of God is many things, but mostly, she is surprising, poured extravagantly upon all flesh. As you wait, dare to believe that this Spirit will show up, and lead you and us all on roads yet unknown, to a place of dreams, visions, truth-telling, and finally, salvation.

Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

*Call to Worship

It all began with a gift from God: breath, wind, Spirit.

“In the beginning, when all was dark and formless, the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:1-2)

When the people of God were crushed in body and spirit, again that gift came to them:

“Thus says the Lord God to these bones:

I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.” (Ezekiel 37:5)

When the followers of Jesus wandered in ways of pride and division, again that gift came to all:

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:4)

And at the end of all we know, and the beginning of God’s knowledge, that gift remains:

“The Spirit says, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.” (Revelation 22:17)

The Spirit is God’s gift to us this Pentecost day, that we may be God’s gift to this world.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Confessing our sin in worship is not a time for dwelling in guilt. It is a time to meet God and each other with honesty, seeking healthier paths for us and this world.

Prayer of Confession

Wild, Stirring Spirit, we confess that you come in ways we do not expect. You speak through those we would rather not listen to. You call us to the risk and adventure of visions and dreams, but we would rather stick to the comfort of routine. When you speak to us in a still, small voice or a startling, rushing wind, we explain away your voice, rather than listening, and following. Though we do not know what your coming means, we pray that you would come again, Holy Spirit. Breathe upon us, that we might boldly go with vision, prophetic power and hope to rebuild this world, in Jesus' name.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon *adapted from Isaiah 40:28*

Hear the good news: The Spirit of God is poured equally upon all of us, renewing us with grace, restoring us with life, washing away all our sin. **We are seen, we are known, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Dry Bones

arr. James Boersma

(Emmanuel Bell Choir)

Children's Gathering

Barbara Edwards

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

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

Anthem

Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice

Sue Ellen Page

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir with Ken Richardson, Flute)

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 791, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Prophesy to the Breath

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*Postlude

Down by the Riverside

African-American spiritual

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

Liturgy by: Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Ann Weems.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Emmanuel Bell Choir

Jazz Band musicians:

Ken Richardson, *woodwinds*

Blaise Ferrandino, *bass*

Robyn Byrd, *trombone*

Xzaviah Milton, *trumpet*



Assisting in Today's Service:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering