



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

The 7th Sunday of Easter

10:00am

June 1, 2025

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

Creator God, we praise you for the birth of summer, warmth and light, brightness and color. May we rejoice in your rainbow world. Redeeming Son, we thank you for sunshine and showers, rest and relaxation, recreation and holidays. May we be refreshed with energy and hope. Guiding Spirit, we bless you for family and friends, fellowship and company, freedom to worship and pray. May we be renewed with your love and grace.

Prelude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Mary Ann Fritz

*Call to Worship

With God's help, we will follow the path that Jesus walked:

To learn what needs to be done

To serve others

To connect with our church and our community

To care for those who suffer

To know ourselves

To share our gifts

To love one another

To seek and embrace peace

To worship God freely!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Called to proclaim repentance, we are reluctant to look at our own failings. Invited to witness to God's loving forgiveness of sins, we would rather not speak aloud of our own. Let us trust in the One who offers us hope and healing, showing us the path of self-emptying service.

Prayer of Confession

God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering “lip service” to serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something that is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578 O Lord, Have Mercy ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKŌ

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

Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice; choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace; choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us.

Forgiven, redeemed, restored – we tell everyone through the lives we lead what God has done for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Gathering

Ken Richardson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12 (pages 674-675, red Bible)

Anthem

Ancient Words

Arr. Craig Courtney

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading

Matthew 20:20-34 (page 898, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Salome’s Lessons on Service and Selflessness

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

We Experience God’s Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *PCUSA Book of Order*

In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition.

Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who in Christ and by the power of the Spirit creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love.

Related to this central affirmation of God's sovereignty
are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:
The election of the people of God
for service as well as for salvation;
Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church
according to the Word of God;
A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation
and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation;
and the recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny,
which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society
by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

Offering our Gifts to God

*[Note: if you wish to contribute online, you may do so
at emmanuelpc.org or using the QR code here.]*



Offertory

Moderato con moto

Franck

*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

**We may not feel like we have much, Giving God, but we do have enough to
look out for our neighbor. We do have enough to help a life in need. We do have
enough to make our days count. Use all we offer this day, to bring a bit more joy
to this weary world, amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Recessional

Chester Nordman

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

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by Ruth Bowen, Kathleen Campanella, Nancy Townley, Thom Shuman, 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:

John Field, Liturgist

Ken Richardson, Children's Gathering

