



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 8, 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 Day of Pentecost

10:00am

June 8, 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

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 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
(Jazz Combo)

*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.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

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. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

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 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

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

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 14:8-17 (page 983, red Bible)

Anthem

The Spirit Says Sing!

Ruth Elaine Schram

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading

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

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

Sermon Title

Moved by the Spirit

Sharon Curry, CP

*Hymn (GTG) No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Ann Weems*

The church is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is poured out upon us and sends us out together aflame with new life, inheritors of the wealth of God: life abundant.

We are liberated from the prisons of pettiness, jealousy, and greed, liberated to be the church. We are freed to free others. We are affirmed to affirm others. We are loved to love others. We are family; we are community. We are the church triumphant – you, me, anyone who would come – renewed, redirected, empowered, to change things and lives together in love and wholeness. We are the Lord's church, the church of justice and mercy, the people sent to open prisons, to heal the sick, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to reconcile, to be alleluias when there is no music. The mantle is upon our shoulders. Joy is apparent in our living. We have been commissioned to be the church of Jesus Christ.

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 here.]*



Offertory

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

We offer these gifts to you, God of Life. Use them to bless this world, to pave a way for your justice, and to bring your life to all who need it, amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Hallelu

by Warren Cooper

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 Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Ann Weems.

We are delighted to welcome back Sharon Curry, the West Regional Ministry Associate from Grace Presbytery as our supply preacher today!

Worship Leaders

Sharon Curry, CP, Guest Preacher

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Jazz Combo



Assisting in Today's Service:
Jude Langsdorf, Liturgist
Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

