



## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

**Sunday, June 15, 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

Trinity Sunday

10:00am

June 15, 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

*God, who has made our world with its beauty and wonder, full of delights for us to explore, grant us wisdom to live gently on the earth, holding sacred the air and water, soil and sun. God, who has called human beings your children, made to share in the work of creation, grant us wisdom to live in harmony with one another, holding sacred your image in everyone. God, whose Spirit dwells within us, giving us power to live in your name, grant us wisdom to discern your presence, holding sacred the glory of love in the everyday. Amen.*

Prelude                      Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love                      arr. Kevin McChesney  
(Emmanuel Bell Choir)

### \*Call to Worship

Praise the God of creation:  
**who made us to be in relationship.**  
Praise the Christ of love:  
**who calls us friends.**  
Praise the Spirit of peace:  
**who enables us to live in unity.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 1                      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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## 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

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world. We demand forgiveness but do not give it. We see the sins of other so clearly, and look right past our own. We do not risk the hard conversations peace and forgiveness demand, and so we repeat the same aggressions, the same bitterness, over and**

**over again. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

*(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 this good news, and let it dwell in your body: with God, forgiveness is always possible, new life is always possible, healing comes new every morning.

**We are a forgiven people, called to a life of truth telling, healing, and forgiveness! Thanks be to God.**

## **We Receive God's Word**

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading      Ephesians 2:1-9 (pages 1064-1065, red Bible)

Anthem      How Firm a Foundation      arr. Jason Krug  
*(Emmanuel Bell Choir)*

Gospel Reading      Matthew 18:21-35 (page 896, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title      A Parable of Grace and Forgiveness      Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 435      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      IN BABILONE

## **We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith      *Nicene Creed, hymnal page 34*

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](http://emmanuelpc.org) or using the QR code here.]*

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*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 make our offering today, God our Creator, to join you in creating a world of enough for all people. We make our offering today, Christ our Friend, to bear witness to your life of compassion and care for those on the edge of systems of support. We make our offering today, Spirit our Guide, to dance to the rhythms of your abundant grace. Amen.**

Blessing our Graduates

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

\*Postlude

Toccata (excerpts)

Widor

*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 Burgess, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Iona Community, Scotland.*

## **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Bell Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Joyce Morris, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

