



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 22, 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

June 22, 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

"All will be well and all manner of things will be well." All, everything, the sun and moon, pajamas and bathrobe, bedtime story and candlelight, game of chase, scary novel, black-and-white certainties, mystery and misty fields. All manner of things, you say: dark alleyway, unmapped forest, relentless storm. All manner of things, you say: the hectic meeting, raised voices, clamor of calendar, argument and puzzle, the lonely voice, the broken and lost. All manner of things, you say; all manner of things will be well, will be heard, accepted, given the gift of space, given the answer of love, given the space to dream, shown a way forward, lit by God's flame, stilled like the calming of the waves. "All will be well and all manner of things will be well."

Prelude

As The Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 626 (*sung three times*) As the Deer

AS THE DEER

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Every Presbyterian service of worship includes a prayer of confession. This is not because we are more guilty than others, or more sinful. This is because we know how much we need to rest upon God's grace, and in this moment, we remind ourselves and one another of the God who runs to welcome us home.

Prayer of Confession

Christ our Lord, we have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have spoken of your forgiveness and grace, but have failed to live it, in forgiving our enemies and extending grace to those who differ from us. We have been quick to point out the sins of others and slow to admit our own. We have been hypocrites. Forgive us, O Lord, and let that forgiveness transform our hearts, thoughts, words and deeds until we reflect your grace to all the world, in your 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: God unmask all of our guilt, our regret, our sin, and shows us our true face: the face of a child of God, beloved, whole, and seen.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 42 (page 504, red Bible)

Anthem

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Readings Matthew 6:5-6 (page 881, red Bible) & Luke 18:9-14 (pages 955-956, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Hypocrisy and Faith

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news

to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Offertory in G

Edward Broughton

*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 this day, Abundant God, not out of a show of piety or faith, and not out of a need to prove our goodness. We make our offering knowing that all things come from you, and that you create us to care for and be in community with one another. We make our offering in freedom, and joy, in your name. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Echo Chorus

Stewart Landon

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 Judy Dinnen (Centering Words reflecting on Julian of Norwich), Heather Moody, 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:

Tonia Thompson, Liturgist

Ken Richardson, Children's Gathering

