



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 5, 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

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

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## 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 Cole Arthur Riley

*I want sleep for you. Deep, dream-bearing sleep. But if the restlessness of the world has done damage that cannot immediately be undone, have compassion for yourself. It's not your fault the dreams won't come. Your body is doing the best it can in a world that has used it far more than it has loved it. No healing is immediate, and its rarely ever linear. Some days you'll dream your ancestors back to life, and other days it's you and the cold sweats and the darkness and the racing thoughts. It's not your fault. Somebody should have told you it's not your fault. This dark, for however long it lasts, can also be our harbor. I'm breathing with you. Let our bodies be the lullaby. May God bring us rest.*

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

J.S.Bach

\*Call to Worship

Jesus says, "Come to me if you're weary and burdened."

**Jesus, we come to you.**

**When we're tired, worn out,**

**burned out on religion,**

**Jesus, we come to you.**

Your gentle heart brings rest for our souls.

You lead us in unforced rhythms of grace.

**Lord, we receive your rest.**

**You share our burdens and walk beside us.**

**Jesus, help us walk with you.**

**Teach us to live freely and lightly,**

Jesus, help us walk with you, and each other.

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

Come before the God who made you and tells you: you deserve more than exhaustion. Return home to yourself. Rest and dream. You have given enough. Choose rest.

### Prayer of Confession

**Rested God, we want more than a life lived exhausted. That you have woven healing rhythms of rest into our minds and bodies reminds us we are worthy of habitual restoration. Keep us from apologizing for our own healing. Show us that rest is restoring our bodies, and the world held captive by greed and utility. We grow weary of societies who view us as more machine than human, more product than soul, and we repent for our participation in that subjection. Liberate us from the structures that require that the poor and vulnerable sacrifice their own rest at the altar of survival. Remind us that the beauty and paradox of our humanness is that we were made to close our eyes, that we might see.**

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

### Sung Response (GTG) No. 626

#### As the Deer

AS THE DEER

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Let your soul receive this rest: the God who sends the sun to sleep each night without apology, so too grants you the rest that has been withheld from you and your ancestors. **She forgives us all our restlessness, that we would no longer be tormented by silence and stillness, but find in it a sacred reprieve from a world that asks too much. Amen.**

## We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Barbara Edwards

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 2:1-11 (page 574, red Bible)

Anthem

Bright and Beautiful

arr. Mark Hayes

(Soloist: Brittney Axton)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (pages 887-888, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Wisdom and Rest

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

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

\*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.**

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

Bread of Heaven

Marc Jordan

\*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 for the restoration of a weary world, and for the reclamation  
of rest, wonder, and wisdom. We offer our lives for the good of our neighbor,  
knowing we were created to look after one another. We offer all we give in  
gratitude and joy, amen.**

Communion Liturgy

**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. 769 (*verses 1-3, 5*)      For Everyone Born      FOR EVERYONE BORN

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

\*Postlude      Go Now and Serve the Lord      Douglas E. Wagner

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

*Liturgy by: Cole Arthur Riley, Sam Hargreaves, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.*

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Soloist: Brittney Axton

Assisting in Today's Service:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering

