



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 6, 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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

July 6, 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 *John Knox*

O Lord, strengthen our faith. Kindle it more in ferventness and love towards you, and our neighbors, for your sake. Do not let us receive your word in vain, but grant us the assistance of your grace and Holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and worship your name. Amen.

Prelude

Change My Heart, Oh God

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship *Psalms 46*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore, we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession *Romans 3:23-24*

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *Martin Luther*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 551 Lord, Have Mercy (*sung twice*) LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon *Romans 5:5*

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. **We believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Barbara Edwards

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Romans 9:14-26 (page 1031, red Bible)

Anthem

Seek Ye First

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

(Handbell Duet: Jude Langsdorf and Brittney Axton)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:1-10 (page 685, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title Presbyterians and Predestination Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

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

Open Our Eyes

Arr. Mark Zeeman

*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

**Calling God, you could choose to work in this world without us. But in your
sovereign love, you choose to partner with us in creating a world more like your
vision of justice, freedom, and peace. Make us partners in this work, that our
words and wealth, our work and witness, might be for your glory, and not our
own. 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. 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYDY NOS

***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 in F Buxtehude

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, John Knox, Martin Luther.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Handbell Duet: Jude Langsdorf and Brittney Axton



Assisting in Today's Service:

Dina Ferreira, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering

