



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

E m p o w e r i n g P e o p l e i n C h r i s t

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 12, 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

July 12, 2026

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

May birds fill the dawn of your day with song; may the midday sun caress your face with warmth; may honeysuckle scent the evening breeze around you; may the summer stars shine bright above you. And may God, the giver of summer song and scent, the Creator of the sun and stars, touch your life with beauty and fill your heart with joy. Amen.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Larry Shackley

*Call to Worship *adapted from Psalm 119*

Your word is a lamp to our feet, Lord.

Your word is a light to our path.

Though the world around us tosses and tumbles,
we hold fast to you.

Though we have doubts and worries and we wonder,
we hold fast to you.

Though our heart hurts, our spirit aches, and we lose our way,
we hold fast to you.

Though we encounter wickedness and hate seemingly around every corner,
we hold fast to you.

Your stories and your songs, O Lord –
They comfort us.

Your will and your way, O Lord –
They nudge us along.

Your presence and your promise, O Lord –
They give us hope.

Your world is our heritage and our heart.
And we will turn toward you forever.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Confession is not a moment of guilt. Confession is a moment of shedding that which no longer serves us or this world. Confession is a reorienting of life to the rhythms of grace and not performance. Confession waters the soul with fresh hope.

Prayer of Confession

God of sea and sky, of soil and planet, we confess that we have sown the seeds of distrust and despair. We have given our energy to that which leaves our souls dry and our world malnourished. We have allowed ourselves to become disconnected and distracted. We forget what it means to be human together, and to treat each other as bearers of your image. Forgive us. Root us deeply in belonging that we may produce a harvest of righteousness and justice that will feed many generations.

(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

Hear this good news, and let it dwell in your body: God waters your life with baptismal grace, reminding you that your fundamental state is loved and claimed by the one who made you. **We will live as a people forgiven, ready to serve God and our neighbor with joy!**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:105-112 (pages 557-558, red Bible)

Anthem

Find Your People by Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors
(ASL by Caroline Loy)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (pages 889, 890, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Sowing a Mind at Peace

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 458 (*sung three times*) Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet THY WORD

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *The Westminster Larger Catechism*

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they, whom God has, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are, in time, through the powerful operation of God's Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole self after the image of God having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise into newness of life.

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

Grazioso

Telemann

*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

God, you invite us to offer our pain, our burdens, our troubles to you, and we do so easily. Yet when you challenge us to offer our abundance for others, we resist and grumble. Help us to be as welcoming, as caring, as generous as you, Loving God, as we share our gifts with you and the world. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

David Lasky

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

Liturgy by: Simon Taylor, Erin Counihan, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor
Brittney Axton, Director of Music
Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist
ASL by Caroline Loy

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

