



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, August 10, 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

19th 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. 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, we are surrounded by our loves. They need you. And we need you to carry them. Let love bear up the weight of us all. Bless our kids and grandkids. Children here and those gone. Bless the people who quicken our hearts, now and years past. Bless our parents and grandparents, strengthen our roots and our branches. Bless our pets and your creation, and the comfort they bring. Bless our friends and chosen families, all the bonds that hold us. God, we will openly admit that our plan was to rescue us all. Pry this out of our hands. Absolve our guilt. Calm our spirit. Let us invite you to do the impossible and bear up the weight of the world we are determined to carry alone. Bless us as we practice interdependence: Needing and being needed. Helping and being helped. As unnatural as it might feel. Thank you for these reminders that we are not meant to do life alone.

Prelude

Shepherd of My Heart

Arr. Bill Wolaver

*Call to Worship

Early in the morning, God calls us into the presence of another day;
to celebrate the gifts of life and breath, of possibility and promise.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Through the voices of young, old, and in-between;
you teach us and reveal to us your plans for our formation and growth.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

On this day, we gather together to discern your voice in our midst,
and to be inspired to bear witness to your extraordinary grace throughout the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Let us glorify God and enjoy God forever!

Let us worship the Holy One.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 612

We Praise You, O God

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We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

It has been said that family wounds go deepest, that we hurt and are hurt by those we love the most. Jesus invites us to wholeness in our families and our lives, as we turn a new page, together.

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Almighty God. Too often, we hasten to “show what we know,” only to reveal the depths of our ignorance. Afraid that increasing our knowledge will reveal us to be lacking, we close our minds and cover our ears to new sources of information. Daunted by the weight of history, we forget our traditions and neglect our time-honored sources of wisdom, and our families. For those moments when you have called us to do good, to be better, and to seek the best for one another—but we have ignored your voice—forgive us, O God. Inspire us to open our hearts, enrich our minds, and restore our relationships, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

May God’s good news be fresh to us—news not of destruction, but of restoration. God made whole what we have broken; God redeemed us when we were lost.
Through the saving power of our loving savior, Jesus Christ, we embrace the gracious gift of forgiveness. Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. Thanks be to God! Amen.

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Gathering *Blessing of the Backpacks*

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Readings Mark 6:1-6 (page 915, red Bible)

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading Jude 1:1-4, 17-25 (pages 1115-1116, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title Jesus and His Siblings Miriam (Molly) Bolles

*Hymn (GTG) No. 736 I Want to Be as Close to You DAVIDSON

We Experience God’s Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good,
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, [and all expressions of the divine]
of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage. Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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

Spirit of Grace

Ben Logan

*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

Generous God, we give you thanks and praise for the grace of Jesus Christ, so freely given to all the world. Strengthen us in faith and faithfulness and empower us to proclaim this good news. Remind us of our belonging to you and each other in this human family, following you, Jesus: our brother, our savior, our friend. Amen.

Blessing of Inquirer for Ministry Miriam (Molly) Bolles and Her EPC Liaison Sheryl Taylor

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

*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 all' Offertorio Zipoli

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 Kate Bowler, PC(USA) Theological Education Sunday resources, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Assisting in Today's Service:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

