



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

**10:00am**

### Mission Statement

Courageously proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we:

- worship and glorify God,
- grow in faith as disciples,
- seek justice and mercy,
- and nurture those in need while embracing all humanity.

Welcome to this service of worship. The Emmanuel congregation invites all ages to worship God together. 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.

# Celebration of Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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 of the joyful morning and of the dark night of the soul, thank you for your sustaining love. Sometimes it feels easy to be connected to your compassion. Other times, we grapple for ways to be faithful to the path of love. Unjust systems distract and divert us. Ground us in your steadfastness, Living Christ, that we have clarity and courage to live by your example. Amen. -Rev. Molly Bolton (she/they)

Prelude

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Behold the gathering of God's own: beside believers and among apostles, drawn together as disciples and doubters, we are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!

**People: Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 319

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

## We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, confessing our need for grace.

Prayer of Confession

**Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities. In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.**

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 604

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom. Believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **We Receive God's Word**

Children's Gathering

Molly Bolles

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 (page 621, red Bible)

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56 (page 950, red Bible)

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (page 1097, red Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"No 'I' In Church"

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith (The Confession of 1967-Inclusive Version 9.53)**

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer  
Offering our Gifts to God

Glory to God Hymnal, page 35

[Note: An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary or you may contribute online at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Howard Thurman, mystic and scholar, speaks of faith as "keeping alive the dream," saying "for as long as a person has a dream in their heart, they cannot lose the significance of living." Let us keep dreams of thriving alive for ourselves and one another by gathering our shared resources on this day.

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*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

**Out of faithfulness to your radical and creative love, oh God, we give these offerings to our community, and in doing so, give them to you. For the Holy Spirit moves within us and among us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## We Leave to Serve

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Toccata in E minor

Pachelbel

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

Sources for this service: Liturgy by Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA. Offering Liturgy from *Enfleshed*, 2022.

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Leah Wyckoff, Liturgist

Molly Bolles, Children's Gathering