



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

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Bedford, Texas

Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

September 25, 2022

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

Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday

Did you know that approximately 50% of the new worshipping communities in the PCUSA are communities of people of color, new immigrant, or intercultural? Did you know that many of these new worshipping communities are led by people of color and new immigrants? Let us pray for these new worshipping communities in Grace Presbytery:

kin-dom community reaching the LGBTQIA+ population

Ghanaian Fellowship reaching the Ghanaian community

UKirk reaching students at SMU

Worship on Wednesdays Community

Prelude More Precious Than Silver Lynn DeShazo/arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

People: Jesus Christ, who rules over all things, gathers us in love.

Leader: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

People: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 689

When the Morning Stars Together

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We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

Looking at Jesus, we see that we have fallen short of the glory of God. Yet Jesus looks at us with mercy and grace. Therefore, let us offer our confession in faith.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts

right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (stanza 1)

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Without regard for the cost, the precious love of God is poured out in Jesus Christ. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Psalter Lesson Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 (page 537, red Bible)

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6–19 (page 1083, red Bible)

Special Music Gospel Medley arr. Bill Wolaver

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:19–31 (page 954, red Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Not Even The Resurrection"

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

We Experience God's Grace

***Affirmation of Faith (Sarasota Statement Part 1):**

To the people we ignore, reject, or demonize for living outside the tribes we claim: We trust our Lord and Savior who calls disciples to love unconditionally, who confronts brutality by refusing to take arms, and who defies racism by forming a community out of every tribe, people, and nation. Jesus aligns with people who are poor, meek, persecuted, and reviled, and calls the church to do the same. To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect, through a collection of people we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor. We grieve the ways in which we create division between people whom Christ has created for community. We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief. We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases, joining the community that reflects God's grace, Christ's kingdom, and the Spirit's action. We commit to reject and resist all racist practices, however explicit or subtle. We commit to dismantle white supremacy, including societal structures that maintain and protect white privilege. We defy attempts to target and ostracize fellow human beings on the basis of blood and soil.

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 or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]

Invitation to the Offering

The Living God has compassion for those forced to leave their homes, those displaced, those among rising prices with paychecks that will never be enough. The Holy upholds those yearning for belonging, those whose friends and companions have died, those whose communities have let them down. Let us be expressions of divine love by upholding one another; by offering each other belonging and home. Let us bring forth our offerings to God that it may be so.

Offertory

Agape

Jim Tidwell

*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

Bless your beloveds with safe and secure housing. Bless your beloveds with rest and kind relationships. Shield your beloveds from destruction and disaster. Bless our offerings to these dreams of thriving. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Arr. Allan Mahnke

*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. Affirmation of Faith from the Sarasota Statement, <https://nextchurch.net/the-sarasota-statement/sarasota-statement-text/> Offering Liturgy from Enfleshed, 2022.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Assisting in Today's Service:

Laura Mahon, Liturgist

Children's Gathering

