



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 26, 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 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebration of The Sacrament of Baptism

10:00am

October 26, 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

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound, in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things – who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Prelude

Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision

Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

On that first day, when time began:

You gave birth to creation;

light danced in the shadows;

the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

Your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,

dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

You call us to faithfulness.

As we open our hearts to you,

we hear your voice claiming us as your own.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come, beloved children of God. Come to the waters of grace, let go of all that holds you back, and renew your trust in God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God who still speaks, forgive us when we allow our fears and worries to stifle your voice of love. Forgive us if we have forgotten our belonging to you and one another in our baptism. As you spoke so clearly to Jesus, speak to us also so that your words of love resonate in every corner of our being. Remind us that with your call comes a responsibility to serve, in Jesus' name.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 851 Come, Bring Your Burdens to God *(sung twice)*

Come, bring your burdens to God.

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

Come, bring your burdens to God.

Come, bring your burdens to God,

for Jesus will never say no.

Assurance of Pardon

Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news! **Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-10 (page 1, red Bible)

Anthem

The Call to Faith

arr. Joseph M. Martin

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-11 (page 910, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Holy Water

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 489

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

PENTECOST

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. Amen.**

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

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

**Bathed in the waters of baptism, we are graced people. Graced people, we
recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us. Recognizing these
gifts, we take them and give them back to you, God of the waters, so that others
might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and
love. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism of Hallie Kathryn and Emerson Kate Phillips

Introduction and Presentation

Questions to Gabrielle Phillips

*Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire for
your children to be baptized? **I do.***

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and
renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.***

*Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.*

*Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking
of bread and the prayers? **I will, with God's help.***

Questions to the Congregation

*Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Hallie and Emerson by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.***

*Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will, with God's help.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Words of Blessing and Baptism

Welcome into the Body of Christ

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Be Thou Exalted

Chester Nordman

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 Wendell Berry, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Thom Shuman.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Katie Phillips, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

