



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 5, 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

October 5, 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

*On this World Communion Sunday, Creator of us all, we pray:
for nourishment of body and spirit for the victims of entirely preventable famines
in Gaza, in Sudan and South Sudan, in Yemen, in Mali,
and in all other places seen as unimportant to our Western eyes and hearts.
On this World Communion Sunday, Creator of us all, we pray:
for a hunger for justice in our halls of power, in the bones of our faith,
in our words and actions to stand up and stand with those Jesus stands with.
On this World Communion Sunday, Creator of us all, we pray:
for a world of enough and not overconsumption,
for an awareness of our belonging to each other,
for an infrastructure of care and compassion woven into our policies,
our prayers, our every interaction with all siblings in this human family you call yours.
On this World Communion Sunday, Creator of us all, we pray:
that the measure of our faithfulness be found not in how often we sit in this place,
but how often we sit alongside the most vulnerable. Amen.*

Prelude

A Simple Celebration
(Emmanuel Bell Choir)

Kevin McChesney

*Call to Worship

On this day, we are not a single congregation,
but part of Christ's body everywhere, in every place.
On this day, we share not just a singular sacrament,
**but a feast from every time, every place of faith,
united with the saints who have gone before us.**
On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,
and on sandy beaches and under towering trees,
and in refugee camps and prisons.
We are only the church together, beyond walls and buildings and borders.
One family of faith, united at a table of grace.
We worship God together.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

We are a people of the font and the table. At the baptismal font, we remember the promises of God's grace that water even our weariest days with grace and love. At the communion table, we feast upon the abundance of that grace, and find strength for our continued journey of faithfulness. The journey to the font and the table begins here, with unburdening all that weighs us down, and lightening our load together.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

(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

As the waters of grace flow, God nourishes all that is dry and wounded in us.

As the table of grace is prepared, God fills our deepest aches and longings.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Barbara Edwards

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:37-47 (page 993, red Bible)

Anthem

For the Bread Which You Have Broken Arr. Lloyd Larson
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8 (pages 57, 59, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title You Are What (and How) You Eat Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche
*Hymn (GTG) No. 501 Feed Us, Lord FEED US

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Jan Richardson*

**And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.
And our aching will be met with bread.
And our sorrow will be met with wine.
And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.
And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.**

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 Bread of Heaven Marc Jordan

*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

**We offer these gifts, and all we have, for our world to know peace, for our
communities to know belonging, and for our hearts to find our home. Use these
gifts, God who wanders with us, to create a home for all who wander, a dwelling
place of safety and acceptance for all your children. Use our lives, Spirit of truth,
guiding us in your rhythms of mercy and compassion. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

A Joyful Noise

Lani Smith

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 Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Thom Shuman, Jan Richardson

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Emmanuel Bell Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Sheryl Taylor, Liturgist

Barbara Edwards, Children's Gathering

