



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 12, 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

October 12, 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

Oh God, the thought of trying for a new and improved me makes me tired. I am barely getting anywhere, so draw me closer to a different vision, one that sees that I don't need perfection — I need love. Free us from the expectation that life should always be better. The everyday stressors —the bills, the pressure, the dependents, the existential fears about the future and the worries of right now. We are too tired to be more. Blessed are we, remembering that the world is not ours to shoulder alone. Help us put one foot in front of the other as best we can. Oh God, today, give us enough to go on, give us hope to see a future, give us joy to see a present lit up by your love.

Prelude

Seek Ye First

Arr. Mark Zeeman

*Call to Worship

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people:

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply –

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts;

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us,

and we can trust the promise.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 683

Lord of All Hopefulness

COURTNEY

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Despite our foolish and angry words, God continues to speak of mercy to us. Despite our best efforts to be faithless in our living, God remains faithful in keeping the promise to forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Let us confess our sins to God, that God's hope and grace might endure in our brokenness.

Prayer of Confession

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us. Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the path of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(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

God challenges us, and God encourages us. God confronts us,
and God accepts us.

God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts,
and the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us; God guides us through the wilderness of the world.

God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-11 (page 945, red Bible)

Anthem

If You Search With All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:1-14 (page 717, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

God Will

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *David Inglis*

We are God's work of art
 each one of us a precious gem,
 a marvelous melody,
 a potter's delight.
 We are God's handiwork
 woven together in love,
 shaped with infinite compassion,
 painted with incredible beauty.
 We are the church of Jesus Christ
 diverse in human qualities,
 and united in our call to love God
 with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
 and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 We are the Body of Christ
 living in his truth, sharing his peace,
 carrying his hope, embodying his love,
 throughout the world he loves so much.
 We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
 whose we are, and what our lives are about.
 We are here to be uplifted, renewed, and empowered
 to live out the miracle of who we are,
 by the power of God working in and among us.
 We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

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

Chime Interlude

Nella Sharpe Holden

*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

God of love and generosity, for the gifts you have dispersed into the world, we give you thanks: the people, the money, the hope, and the life. For all that has been gathered here from that dispersal, the people, the money, the hope, and the life, we give you thanks. Give us the courage to be commissioned, the generosity to give, and the wisdom to send ourselves and our money where you would have them go. Send your Spirit with us, wherever we are, O God, and on this gathering of your gifts, for we have gathered ourselves and our offerings in the name of our Good Shepherd, the One who lives in exile with us, the One who leads us home: In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Postlude in F

Ashford

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, Henrietta Stith Andrews, Thom Shuman, Salt Project, David Inglis.

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:

Miriam Bolles, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

