



EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOVING GOD
LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 18, 2026

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

October 18, 2026

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. Add your prayer requests on the sheets in the friendship pad for inclusion in the Prayers of the People by placing them in the offering plate at the back, or online by scanning the QR code here. A note on worship bulletin symbols: *please rise in body or spirit. (GTG) – purple Glory to God Hymnal under the seat in front of you. Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.*



Centering Words

May the light of your soul guide you. May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart. May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul. May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work. May your work never weary you. May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement. May you be present in what you do. May you never become lost in the bland absences. May the day never burden you. May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises. May evening find you gracious and fulfilled. May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected. May your soul calm, console and renew you.

Prelude Be Still and Know/Be Still My Soul Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship *adapted from Proverbs 9*

Wisdom is calling – at the street corner, in the classroom,
in the boardroom, in our very hearts.

Can we hear? Are we listening?

Wisdom is calling – in each drop of rain to earth,
in the green things that grow, in the nourishment they bring.

Can we hear? Are we listening?

Wisdom is calling – in this place of worship,
where music and prayers are lifted to our Creator.

Can we hear? Are we listening?

Wisdom is calling. Let us slow down, be still, and listen.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come, shed the heavy things that were never yours to carry. Come, as together we seek the grace that makes for dreaming.

Prayer of Confession

God of the night, we confess that we have chosen exhaustion over dreaming. We have been tricked and indoctrinated into systems of dehumanization. These systems make the most vulnerable work far more than their bodies ever should. We have set up an economy that demands we sacrifice ourselves at the altars of productivity and utility, that says we won't survive without overwork. We have traded our own peace, our communion with our own interior landscapes, for the frenzied noise of an exhausted world. Forgive us. And have mercy on our weary souls, that we would locate the holy quiet, the divine lullaby that whispers within each of us. That we would dare to dream.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, *verse 4* SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;

from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news and let it dwell in your body: God is not finished with you. God is not finished with us. A new thing is coming, and we can begin to glimpse it. **Dreams will guide the way. We will find courage for the journey, and provision for the road, together. Thanks be to God!**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20 (page 1067, red Bible)

Anthem

Ask and It Shall be Given You

Bob Burroughs

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:3-14 (page 302, red Bible)

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

Sermon *Emmanuel Dreams: Dreams of Wisdom*

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

We believe in the God of grace.
 We follow the Teacher of Love.
 We live by the Spirit of mercy.
 We trust God's healing of the world.
 When people spread fear and division,
 when evil, injustice and oppression thrive,
 no political revolution, program or platform will save us,
 but only a people transformed by grace and light,
 and a bold and sustained outbreak of gentleness.
 We will stand up to cynicism, hate and indifference,
 and blanket this world with compassion, calm and mercy.
 We will proclaim the truth against all resistance.
 We will meet fear and hate with healing.
 We will obstruct the progress of injustice
 with our prayers, our words and our bodies.
 We will infest the world with grace and love.
 We pray for open hearts and a spirit of deep listening.
 We pray for courage to enter the wounds of the world;
 for a spirit of peace to face violence with nonviolence;
 for patience to answer shadows with light.
 We pray for humility to offer ourselves as the first to be changed.
 We pray for one another, for we are one Body.
 We devote ourselves to sacrifice and discipline.
 Giving thanks for the great Spirit of grace
 already breathing in us, already rising and dreaming in us.
 In hope and love, as the gentle people of God, we go forth.

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

Spirit of Grace

Ben Logan

*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 all goodness, you have given us everything we have—our time, our talents, and our material resources. We offer these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. Please take these tithes and offerings and use them to feed the hungry, comfort the brokenhearted, and bring your peace and justice to our local community and the wider world. Multiply these humble gifts so they do more than we can ask or imagine. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

***Hymn (GTG) No. 372**

O for a World

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***Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

All are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with one another over refreshments in the narthex following this service.

Liturgy by: John O Donohue, Cole Arthur Riley, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Joshua Fitzgerald, Guest Director

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Tonia Thompson, Liturgist & Children's Gathering

