



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 19, 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

October 19, 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

*Greeted by the changing light, we gather here. From faraway places, we find ourselves together.
Birdsong and summer endings accompany us into autumn's changes, renewing our hope for new beginnings.
Our hope is in Christ's presence among us, between us, and beyond us.
Come, Christ, welcomer: welcome us into a community of hospitality.
Come, Christ, befriender: befriend us into a community of companions.
Come, Christ, liberator: liberate us into a community of freedom;
love us, forgive us, heal us, so we may love, forgive and heal one another, and ourselves.*

Prelude

Assurance

Tom Birchwood

*Call to Worship

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.
This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.
We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.
This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.
We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.
This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Seeking to follow Jesus, we often wander down the wrong roads. Impatient with God's schedule, we rush off to do things our way. Let us confess our foolishness, that we might receive God's hope for our lives anew.

Prayer of Confession

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in 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

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service.

The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are a forgiven people. May we live as siblings in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8 (page 955, red Bible)

Anthem

Were I the Perfect Child of God?

arr. Tony Alonso

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34 (page 721, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title The Days Are Surely Coming Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (hymnal page 35)*

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

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

*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 good, we offer these gifts in joy for all you have done in our lives.
We offer these gifts in hope for all you are still doing in communities facing fear
and threat, struggle and despair. We offer these gifts in commitment to be a
people who trust you are still at work in this world, calling us to partner with
you in re-creating all things for good. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 765 *(sung once in English, once in Spanish, and once more in English)*

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Grand Chorus

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 Elizabeth Baxter, Thom Shuman, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

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:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Ken Richardson, Children's Gathering

