



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, November 9, 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

November 9, 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

Inhale deeply. Hold for a few seconds. Exhale even slower. Roll your neck in a slow circle, easing the knots. Lower your shoulders and unclench your jaw that is tight with stress. Run your fingertips over your closed eyes for a moment, allowing them a break from seeing too much. Put your hand on your heart and thank this body of yours for all it does for you. Honor its strength and its fragility. Love it radically, not as it was, or as you want it to be, but as it is. Open your hands, and release those things you were never meant to hold onto: the bitterness, the anger, the fear, the guilt. Close your hands, and grasp tightly the things you are meant to hold: the acceptance, the enoughness, the gifts you alone bring to the world. Love your hands, even if they ache. Love your eyes, even if they do not always see clearly. Love your ears, even if they mishear sometimes. Love your brain, even if it is not always kind to you. Love your heart, your fragile, sometimes-broken heart. You are beautiful. God calls you good and beloved. Not just in your spirit but in this very body. Good. Beloved. Beautiful. Enough.

Prelude

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

*Call to Worship

Come, weary one,
for God is in this place.
Come, fearful one,
for God is in this place.
Come, hopeful one,
for God is in this place.
Come, curious one,
for God is in this place.
God is in me, and God is in you.
So, in every place
in this place,
God is here.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 687 (*verses 1-4*)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

God invites us to a real relationship, which means being honest with ourselves, others, and God. Let's start here, confessing the uncomfortable truth of our sin, together.

Prayer of Confession

If we say we have no sin, we are not being honest, and the truth is not in us. Therefore we confess our true selves: that we have often ignored our own privilege even as we benefit from it. That we have not listened to the pain of others, but have instead dismissed it to keep ourselves comfortable. That we have not done the hard work of belonging to each other. We also confess that we are better than this: our sin is not all we are. With your help, God, we can change. We can listen. We can heal, and bring healing to others. We confess this possibility, in the name of the One who makes all things possible.

(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

We belong to God. We belong to each other. God does not look at us and see only sin; God sees belovedness. **We believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, in ways we may never fully understand. This is good news! Amen.**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (pages 1078-1079, red Bible)

Anthem

Abide with Me

arr. Andrew Gant

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Old Testament Reading

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (page 863, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

Take Courage 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 *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Offertory in G

Edward Broughton

*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, you are our Source of life itself. In you, we find our purpose, our calling,
and our worth. In you, our Source of abundant and amazing grace never runs
dry. Show us how to share your grace with courageous generosity, trusting in
you, and loving our neighbor as ourselves, in your name, amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

Let Your Light So Shine

Chester Norman

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.

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:

Jude Langsdorf, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

