



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**10:00am**

### Mission Statement

Courageously proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we:

- worship and glorify God,
- grow in faith as disciples,
- seek justice and mercy,
- and nurture those in need while embracing all humanity.

Welcome to this service of worship. The Emmanuel congregation invites all ages to worship God together. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. 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.



*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Sung Response (GTG) No. 89 For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

*(stanza 1 only)*

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Family of faith, even when we throw in the towel, even when we give up on hope, God does not give up on us. We are loved. We are claimed. We are invited closer to God's home. So hear and trust this good news:

**There is room for us in God's house, and nothing can separate us from that love.**

**We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are welcomed home. Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

### We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (page 724, red Bible)

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (page 1076, red Bible)

Anthem

The First Noel

*(Emmanuel Handbell Choir)*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:25-36 (page 960, red Bible)

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

### We Experience God's Grace

\*Affirmation of Faith - *(Bruce Prewer)*

**I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world. I**

**believe that God chooses the meek and the poor to shame the proud and the rich.**

**I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty. I**

**believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God, who came among us in**

**weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to**

**common people who turn to God in trust and with love. This I truly believe.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, page 35

Offering our Gifts to God

*[Note: A basket is available in the sanctuary for you to walk to and drop your offering, and prayers into. You may also contribute online at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Interlude

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 608

**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

**Holy God, we are homesick. We long for the day that you spoke of when swords will be beaten into plowshares, the lion will lie down with the lamb, and justice will roll like waters. Until that holy day comes, take these gifts and use them to build that world here. We are hopeful. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

\*Charge and Benediction

*[You are invited to sit and enjoy the postlude. Please respect distance and the masking preferences of others as you depart.]*

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Vivaldi

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

Sources for this service: Close to Home, Words for Worship for Advent-Epiphany by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Jayne Johnson

Jim and Laura Mahon

