

December 2025

*Indicates Virtual Meeting. Links can be found in the Wednesday weekly email update.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 6:30 pm: Mission & Social Justice Committees | 2 7:00 am: Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm: Concert Bells of Fort Worth 7:15 pm: Symphony HEB 7:30 pm: Bible Study* | 3 8:30 am: Weekly Work Crew 6:30 pm: Handbell Choir 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir | 4 12:00 pm: Lois Circle 5:30 pm: Violin music classes (private) 6:30 pm: 6:8 Project Greenway meeting 7:30 pm: Christian Education meeting | 5 8:00 am: Swang Lin & Tak Yan Yeung rehearsal | 6 9:00 am: Officer Training <i>4:00 pm: Concerts on Harwood 2025: Swang Lin, Violin</i> |
| 7 10:00am Worship 11:15 am: Advent Bible study (in-person) 11:15 am: Keys to Bibl 12:00 pm: Deacon Mt <i>1:00 pm: Young(ish) Adult Gathering</i> 4:00 pm: Pack 254 Committee Meeting 6:45 pm: Book Mavens Book Club* | 8 7:00 pm: Worship Committee | 9 7:00 am: Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm: Concert Bells of Fort Worth 7:15 pm: Symphony HEB 7:30 pm: Bible Study* | 10 8:30 am: Weekly Work Crew 6:30 pm: Handbell Choir 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir | 11 5:30 pm: Violin music classes (private) 7:00 pm: Outreach and Connection Committee | 12 7:00 pm: Symphony HEB Holiday concert | 13 <i>2:00 pm: Itasca Christmas Party</i> |
| 14 10:00amWorship 11:15 am: Advent Bible study (in-person) 11:15 am: Keys to Bibl 4:00 pm: Children and Youth Check-i* <i>4:00 pm: Longest Night service</i> 6:45 pm: Book Mavens Book Club* | 15 6:30 pm: Ruth Fellowship 7:00 pm: Cub Scout Pack 254 Troup Meeting | 16 7:00 am: Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm: Concert Bells of Fort Worth 6:30 pm: Facilities Meeting 7:15 pm: Symphony HEB 7:30 pm: Bible Study* | 17 8:30 am: Weekly Work Crew 1:00pm Finance committee Meeting 6:30 pm: Handbell Choir 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir | 18 5:30 pm: Violin music classes (private) 6:00 pm: The Clubhouse for Special Needs Christmas party | 19 | 20 <i>12:00 pm: Greenway/6:8 project Christmas Party</i> |
| 21 10am Cantata serv 11:15 am: Advent Bible study (in-person) 11:15 am: Keys to the Bible 1:00 pm: Session M <i>5:00 pm: Christmas Dinner</i> 6:45 pm: Book Mavens Book Club* | 22 6:30 pm: Ruth Fellowship | 23 7:00 am: Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm: Concert Bells of Fort Worth 7:15 pm: Symphony HEB 7:30 pm: Bible Study* | 24 8:30 am: WWC 5:00 pm: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm: Handbell Choir 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir | 25 5:30 pm: Violin music classes (private) | 26 NEED Volunteer Day | 27 |
| 28 10:00 Worship 11:15 am: Keys to the Bible 4:00 pm: Children and Youth Checkin* 6:45 pm: Book Mavens Book Club* | 29 9:00 am: EPC N.E.E.D. volunteer day | 30 7:00 am: Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm: Concert Bells of Fort Worth 7:15 pm: Symphony HEB 7:30 pm: Bible Study* 7:30 pm Bible Study* | 31 8:30 am: Weekly Work Crew 6:30 pm: Handbell Choir 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir | | | |

WELCOME GUESTS!

Our church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our mission is:
Replenished by God's love, we strive to be a Christ-like presence that serves the people of our community and the world.

You are invited to participate in our worship and work!

If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here. We invite you to:

- Fill out the Attendance Sheet located on each row.
- Introduce yourself to our pastor.
- Visit our website at <https://emmanuelpc.org>
- Check us out at Facebook @EmmanuelPresbyterian, Instagram @EPCBedford and YouTube @EmmanuelBedford

Regular Opportunities for mission, ministry, and nurture at Emmanuel

Sunday opportunities: Worship service at 10:00am. Church School is at 11:15am. Children & Youth Check-in at 4pm (virtual) every 2nd & 4th Sunday. Book Mavens Club at 7pm (virtual).

Monday opportunities: Ruth Women's Fellowship group meets every third Monday at various local restaurants for dining and fellowship.

Tuesday opportunities: Men's Prayer Breakfast every Tuesday at 7:00am. Bible study at 7:30pm (virtual)

Wednesday opportunities: Wednesday Work Crew 8:30-11:00am. Handbell Choir rehearsal is at 6:30pm. Chancel Choir rehearsal begins at 7:30pm.

Thursday opportunities: Lois Circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 12pm at various local restaurants.

For more information about these regular opportunities at Emmanuel as well as special projects requiring volunteer assistance, please call the church office at 871-545-0251. After office hours the church phones are answered by the voicemail system.

EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church office timings: Monday 8:00am-12:00pm; Tuesday-Wednesday 8:00am-1:00pm. (New office hours beginning October 6)
Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday closed.

CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor | Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche |
| Office Administrator | Jessica Pereira |
| Financial Administrator | Becky Baker |
| Director of Music | Brittney Axton |
| Organist | Dr. Tak Yan Yeung |

BENCH OF ELDERS

| <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> |
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| Jayne Johnson | Melissa Durkee | Marji Breault |
| Neal Morris | Chris Cable | Denise Karriker |
| Katie Phillips | Linda Greenwell | Jude Langsdorf |
| | Mary Ann Reed | Frank LeCocq |
| | Sheryl Taylor, Clerk of Session | |
| | Rick Thompson (Treasurer) | |

BOARD OF DEACONS

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| Miriam (Molly) Bolles | Kristin Hartwell | Barbara Edwards |
| Helen Sink | Linda Villarreal | Joyce Morris |



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



POINSETTIAS: The sanctuary will be decorated with red poinsettias from December 14 through Christmas Eve. Please sign up in the Narthex for a poinsettia: November 30 or December 7. Poinsettias will be \$15 and available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.

2026 Flower Calendar: The 2026 flower calendar is in the narthex in December. Please sign up for a Sunday – include your name, phone number, and note if the flowers are in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion. Please pay the church for your flower arrangement; the flower arrangements are \$35. Our florist, Cooper's, will bill the church monthly for flowers. Flowers may be taken to shut-ins on Monday if they are not taken home on Sunday.

Itasca Christmas Party: Saturday, December 13 at 2pm. Departing from EPC at 12 pm. Party starts at 2 pm.

Greenway/6:8 Project Christmas Party: Saturday, December 20 at 12-2:30 pm.

EPC Christmas Dinner: Sunday, December 21 at 5pm in SoRelle Hall.



Story Path: Check out Emmanuel's Story Path featuring the picture book '*What the Crow Saw Below*'. This Story Path is located on the West side of the sanctuary and was created by our Holy Curiosity VBS team.

Want to host Hospitality Sundays? A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would like an opportunity to host hospitality on Sundays after worship. If you would be willing to coordinate some form of treat to congregants after worship, please consider adopting a Sunday. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Helen S. Many thanks from the Deacons!

You Got Mail: Members & friends, please check your mail folder in the narthex for cards, directories, and other communications.

The Messenger: EPC monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website www.emmanuelpc.org or pick a copy available at the Narthex.

North East Emergency Distribution (N.E.E.D.): The following items are in low supply: toilet paper, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, crackers, cereal, razors, pasta, salad dressing, mac and cheese, pudding, popcorn, canned tomatoes. You may place your donations in the blue NEED box near SoRelle Hall. Thank you for giving.

Donations: Can be made by scanning the QR code with your phone or by going to <https://emmanuelpc.org/give/>. Cash or check preferred.



**Many thanks to today's
offering counters:
Dina F.**