



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

**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.

## *Celebration of Worship*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00am

July 12, 2020

### **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*“Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.”*

Prelude

Create In A Clean Heart

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God’s word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**We gather ‘round table, font, and pulpit to root ourselves in sacred story and grow in faith.**

God’s teachings are our heritage; they bring joy to searching hearts.

**We gather in God’s presence to offer our thanks and praise!**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**God of old family stories and of new beginnings, open us today to the new things you long to accomplish in our lives. As you called Abraham and Sarah to walk faithfully with you, speak our names today, call us to higher purposes. As you blessed Isaac and Rebekah with mischievous children, bless us with your Spirit that we may find joy and peace in the unexpected places you lead us this day. Hear our voices as we joyfully offer our worship and praise. Amen.**

### **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God the Sower, we confess that we do not always live as people who obey your law. Sometimes, we are like rocky ground.

**We welcome your word when life is simple. But as soon as we face challenge, we forget your teachings and our faith withers.**

Sometimes, we are a thicket full of thorns.

**We clamor for more and step over the needy. Your word is choked out of our hearts.**

Forgive us, Lord. Let your Spirit work within and among us; make us good soil. **Weed out our resistance and water us with your grace, that your word might grow within us and we might bear fruit for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Chuck Schneider

**This is God’s acceptable time of forgiveness and healing. Even before we sinned, God provided for us a way of restoration and renewal. We are debtors, called to live by the Spirit as heirs with Christ of all God’s promises. Live, then, as a free people who celebrate God’s mercy and reach out to others in Christ’s name. Amen.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am TAKE ME AS I AM

**We Receive God’s Word**

Special Music Pues Si Vivimos Spanish Melody  
*( Blaise Ferrandino and Ken Richardson )*

Children’s Gathering Rev. Chuck Schneider

Psalm Reading Psalm 119:105-112 (pages 557-558, red Bible)  
Rev. Chuck Schneider

Old Testament Reading Gen. 25:19-34 (page 21, red Bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Sibling Rivalry (1) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 684 Faith Begins by Letting Go LUX PRIMA

**We Experience God’s Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith Rev. Chuck Schneider

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**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

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Offertory

Spirit of Grace

Ben Logan

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**For all who have made life more pleasant for us, we give you thanks, O God. For the abundance of your steadfast love, which rescues and enlivens us, we are most grateful. We present here practical expressions of thanksgiving, to extend your purposes in the world. May this offering scatter seeds of love in life-changing ways, and may we learn from all we help, that all of us may grow toward discipleship. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 543 God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

\*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

People Need The Lord

arr. Bill Wolaver

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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



### **Worship Leaders**

Reverend Chuck Schneider, Temporary Pastor

Reverend Robin Lyn Valdez, Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

