



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, September 27, 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*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00am

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## **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*“Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”*

Prelude

Be Still and Know arr. Mark Hayes/Tak Yan Yeung

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Chuck Schneider  
Fred and Tonia Thompson

Listen, O people, to holy teaching;  
tune your ears to hear God’s word.

**We gather to proclaim our sacred story,  
to tell of God’s wondrous deeds.**

Come, O people, into holy space  
to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.

**Let us turn to God in prayer and praise.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

\*Opening Prayer

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take direction from you. Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve. Work in and among us, that we may glimpse your pleasure for all humanity. Amen.**

## **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

John Field

**We fear to approach you with our confession, holy god, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

## **We Receive God's Word**

Anthem

Medley of Hymns  
(*EPC Handbell Quartet*)

arr. James D Kimball

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7 (page 63, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32 (page 899, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Which of the Two?

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 266

Joy to the World

RICHMOND

## **We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Sheryl Taylor

**In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teachings judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgement under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Lauren Durkee

**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

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jim and Laura Mahon

**We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May your name be glorified and your reign acknowledged through our faithful efforts. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

\*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Lift High The Lord, Our Banner

arr. Mark Hayes/Tak Yan Yeung

\*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

Liturgists:

Lauren Durkee

John Field

Jim and Laura Mahon

Ken Richardson

Fred and Tonia Thompson

Sheryl Taylor

