



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, November 1, 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

All Saints' Day

10:00am

November 1, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Matthew 5:9*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Prelude

Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury/Lau

*Call to Worship

Helen Richardson and Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to the Lord, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 732

Rejoice in God's Saints

OLD 104TH

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Be with us now and hear our prayer, O God. We gather to remember all you have done for us and to make our response. We come to find rest amid our weariness and grief. We come to be fed, for we hunger after the bread of life only you can provide. Meet us here to make us whole. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Ray and Denise Karriker

Saving God, save us from ourselves. Rescue us from the fears that keep us from following where Jesus leads or trusting in your guidance. We have not hungered and thirsted for righteousness. We have not been pure in heart or humble-minded. We do not risk an unpopular witness or step bravely into the role of peacemaker. Our words and deeds do not praise you. Our worship lacks passion and conviction. We seek you now, O God. Redeem your children and fill us with the radiance of your self-giving love. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ray and Denise Karriker

The realm of God is among us, and we are welcomed to experience its rewards here and now. Our Creator guides us to springs of living water, inviting us to quench our thirst. God feeds our hungers and wipes the tears from our eyes. O magnify God with me and let us exalt God's name forever.

God redeems the lives of all of us who serve. Those who find refuge in God are purified and made whole. Sing praise to the Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 205

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

Stephen Spencer

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Old Testament Reading Josh. 3:7-17 (pages 193-194, red bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 (page 880, red bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Echoes

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 520

Taste and See

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith (*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar 10.5 - 10.8*) Helen Richardson

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is a witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way, the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez
Offertory	Spirit Song	arr. Mark Zeeman
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Rev. Chuck Schneider
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez
Words of Institution	Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez & Rev. Chuck Schneider	
*Communion of the People		
*Prayer after Communion		Rev. Chuck Schneider

We are God's holy household, called into a covenant of love. We have honored that covenant with this meal of bread and wine. Now we go into the world, led by the Spirit, charged with honoring the covenant of love in our daily lives. May god bless us on our way. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 326	For All the Saints	SINE NOMINE
	<i>(stanzas 1,2 and 3 only)</i>	
*Benediction		Rev. Chuck Schneider
*Sign of Peace		
*Postlude	Tocatta in F	Dietrich Buxtehude
*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:
 Ray and Denise Karriker
 Helen Richardson

