



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, November 15, 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*

*Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00am

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## **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalms 123:1*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*"To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!"*

Prelude

Trio

Josef Rheinberger

\*Call to Worship

James and Sheryl Taylor

As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Giver of every good gift.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer, you know the seasons of our lives. Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away, that we may be reborn in your light. Lead us into a season of light and warmth: a season of joy; a season of sober judgment; a season where all your children are clothed in the breastplate of faith and hope, and the helmet of hope and salvation. Lead us into a season of kingdom building, and we will put aside the ways of darkness to live as children of light. Amen.**

## **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Sheryl Taylor

Prayer of Confession

James Taylor

**God you are merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Yet we test the limits of your grace, constantly turning away from you and toward that which is evil in your sight. We do not understand our own actions, why we know what is right but do what is wrong despite your clear commandments. In a world awash in hate and fear, we are to be those who love others and trust you. Forgive us when instead we resemble the worst rhetoric of our culture rather than the compassion**

**of our Lord. We place ourselves before you, asking again for your transformative grace, honest in our confession because we know you will not abandon us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

James and Sheryl Taylor

Our God is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God hears our confession and responds with forgiveness and mercy. Friends, believe the good news and be at peace, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 413      Come into God's Presence      COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

**We Receive God's Word**

Anthem

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry  
*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

arr. John Helgen

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Old Testament Reading      Judges 4:1-7 (page 218, red Bible)      Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Gospel Reading      Matthew 25:14-30 (page 904, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Risky Behavior

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 716      God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending      BEACH SPRING

**We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith - *(The Apostles Creed)*

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**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. Robin Lyn Valdez

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Almighty God, we know that our talents are really not ours, but yours. You give us resources, gifts, skills, and talents to use in your service. We want to be faithful stewards, wise but not cautious, generous and joyous in our giving. Accept, we pray, this offering as a sign of our desire to be trustworthy servants of our servant Lord, Jesus Christ in whose name we pray, Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 4      Holy God, We Praise Thy Name      GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

\*Benediction      Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude      Toccata all' Offertorio      Domenico Zipoli

\*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:

James and Sheryl Taylor

Fred and Tonia Thompson

