



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, November 22, 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

Reign of Christ/Christ the King

10:00am

November 22, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Sheryl Taylor

“Lord of love and King of Peace, may we join the everlasting song and crown you Lord of all.”

Prelude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*Call to Worship

Ken and Helen Richardson, Leah Wyckoff

“I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

**Like lost lambs or scattered sheep,
the Lord seeks us and calls us home.**

“I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

**A cherished fold, a beloved flock,
the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.**

“I will be their shepherd,” says the Lord.

**We listen for the voice of the God who seeks us,
and follow with devotion and gratitude!**

*Hymn (GTG) No. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Opening Prayer

Keith Royal

Holy Lord, shepherd to the lost and the least. Help us to see your face in all those we meet. May we grant grace to others, in great and small ways. In a world threatened by a pandemic, we pray for wisdom and healing. In a world full of division, remind us that you alone are king. May we hear the voice of Christ and proclaim his justice, peace, and endless love until He comes again to reign in glory with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Leah Wyckoff

Prayer of Confession

Ken and Helen Richardson, Leah Wyckoff

God of mercy, who has compassion for the lost and the least, in disbelief and denial, we ask: “When did we see you among us?” We should have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in

the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or in the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We should have seen you in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, in the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. But, instead, we turned away. Forgive us, Lord. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leah Wyckoff

Thus says the Lord, our God: I will seek out the lost, and bring back the strays; I will bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. I will feed my sheep with justice. Hear the good news— Even when we wander, our Shepherd chases after us, and guides us back with a tender hand.

We are forgiven. Alleluia!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

(stanzas 3 and 4 only)

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. John Behnke

(Emmanuel Handbell Choir)

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (page 788, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (pages 904-905, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When Did I?

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Hymn (GTG) No. 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-55)*

Keith Royal

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph

over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Give Thanks

arr. Mark Hayes

*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:

Ken and Helen Richardson

Leah Wyckoff

Keith Royal

