



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

**Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**  
**Bedford, Texas**  
**Sunday, November 29, 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*

*First Sunday of Advent*

10:00am

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## **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Isaiah 64:8*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*“O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”*

Prelude

Think About His Love

arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ray and Denise Karriker

Choral Introit

Dona nobis pacem

DONA NOBIS PACEM

\*Call to Worship

Fred and Tonia Thompson

The heavens are being torn open!

**The mountains quake at God’s presence.**

The face of God is soon to shine among us.

**Even the stars cannot hold God’s glory!**

**Come, let us worship the Lord our God!**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the season of Advent. For in this time we remember that your love stopped at nothing to reconcile us and claim us as your own. Keep us awake during this season so that we may receive all that your Holy Spirit offers us. Speak to us now. Fill us with your power and your grace that we would go out from this time willing and ready to be your light in the world. Amen.**

## **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**Restore us, O God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own creating: from fear that blocks the way of love, from worry that blocks the way of joy, from isolation that blocks the way of relationship, from structural injustices that keep the world bound. Forgive us, O**

**God of hosts, until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed.  
Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness Fred and Tonia Thompson

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 752 Dona nobis pacem DONA NOBIS PACEM

*(all verses in Latin)*

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

Anthem Huron Carol arr. Susan LaBarr

*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Children's Gathering Kristin Hartwell

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 (pages 680-681, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37 (pages 925-926, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Coming Home

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

SAMANTHRA

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

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19)*

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

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

**God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.**

### **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

\*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

I Sing Praise

Terry McAlmon

\*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:

Fred and Tonia Thompson

Kristin Hartwell

