



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, January 10, 2021
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

Baptism of the Lord

10:00am

January 10, 2021

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Sheryl Taylor and Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Centering Words

Linda Villareal

"Our business in life is less making something of ourselves than finding something worth doing and losing ourselves in it." – William Sloane Coffin

Prelude

We Worship and Adore You

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Linda Greenwell and Linda Villarreal

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings;
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
and in God's temple, all say "Glory!"**

Let us praise and worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Opening Prayer

Linda Greenwell

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, so that, although we are separated from one another, we may show the unity of your church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Linda Greenwell

Prayer of Confession

Linda Villarreal

Merciful God, you offer us a perfect love in Jesus Christ: forgive us for straying from you. You call us to love and serve as Christ's followers: forgive our unwillingness to hear the cries of others. You invite us to new life, abundant and

free: forgive us for persisting in our sinful ways. In your mercy, God, redeem us. Cleanse our hearts and minds of sin. Strengthen us with your love, and give us joy in your service, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Linda Greenwell and Linda Villarreal

Once we were no people,
But now we are God's people.
Once we had not received mercy,
But now we have received mercy.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

(stanza 4 only)

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

What Child is This with The Cry of the Poor

William C. Dix

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1, red Bible)

Linda Greenwell

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11 (page 910, red Bible)

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Chosen By God

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

*Hymn (GTG) No. 484

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - *(Brief Statement of Faith, section 2)* Glory to God Hymnal, page 37

Linda Greenwell and Linda Villarreal

—**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins**

of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Lord's Prayer

Linda Greenwell and Linda Villarreal

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

Linda Greenwell

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Linda Greenwell and Linda Villarreal

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world, and our Savior. Accept all we have and all we are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Praise the Name of Jesus/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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 Dr. Julie Adkins, Guest Preacher

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Sheryl Taylor

Linda Greenwell

Linda Villarreal

Tonia Thompson

