



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, January 17, 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*

*2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

10:00am

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## **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Sheryl Taylor

Centering Words (*Psalms 139:1*)

Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

*"O Lord, you have searched me and known me."*

Prelude

Shepherd of My Heart

arr. Bill Wolaver

\*Call to Worship (*Psalms 139:1-6*)

Fred and Tonia Thompson

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
  - 2 **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
  - 3 You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
  - 4 **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**
  - 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
  - 6 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

\*Opening Prayer

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**Jesus, flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through us and be so in us that everyone we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus! Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to share as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from you, none of it will be ours. It will be you shining on others through us. Amen.**

## **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Fred and Tonia Thompson

Prayer of Confession

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**We confess to Almighty God and to our sisters and brothers, that we have greatly**

**sinned, in thought, deed, and word, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do, through our fault, through our most grievous fault. Have mercy on us, O Lord, we humbly pray. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness - *(Micah 7:18)* Fred and Tonia Thompson

"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."

Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 27 Sacred the Body TENDERNESS  
*(stanza 1 and 4 only)*

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

Anthem The Potter's Hand Tom Fettke  
*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Children's Gathering Kristin Hartwell

Psalm Reading Psalm 139:13-18 (page 566, red Bible) Fred and Tonia Thompson

Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 (page 967, red Bible) Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Known By God Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

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

\*Affirmation of Faith - *(from the Heidelberg Catechism)* Fred and Tonia Thompson

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

**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

Fred and Tonia Thompson

Offertory

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Fred and Tonia Thompson

**Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus' teaching and to live as modern day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with enumerable excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for possessions. Yet, these things only provide a false sense of security. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear your call on our lives. We pray in the name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 741

Guide My Feet

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\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

### **Worship Leaders**

Reverend Dr. Lucia Kremzar, Guest Preacher

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Sheryl Taylor

Fred and Tonia Thompson

Kristin Hartwell

