



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, February 7, 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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am

February 7, 2021

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Cub Scouts Video

Cub Scout Pack 254

Centering Words

Sheryl Taylor

“But nothing less than the most radical imagination will carry us beyond this place, beyond the mere struggle for survival, to that lucid recognition of our possibilities which will keep us impatient, and unresigned to mere survival.” - Adrienne Rich, On Lies, Secrets, and Silence:

Prelude

Agape

Jim Tidwell

*Call to Worship

Sheryl Taylor

Pulling back the veil, the love of God uncovers what is hidden.

Where evil has left its mark,

wounds fester, untended.

Roots of destruction still reach deep.

But God strengthens the weary and steadies those who are afraid.

Divine Truth is a balm.

Before healing, there must be honesty.

Before repair, a reckoning.

Let us welcome what is needed to restore what has been broken.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 35

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Opening Prayer

Sheryl Taylor

Compassionate One, both tender and righteous, you are so patient with pain. And yet, so passionate for justice. Like a paradox to us, to you it is simply the movement of love. Teach us to practice this discernment. To know when love calls for gentleness or for challenge; when to push and when to be still. Within, and with others. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Sheryl Taylor

Prayer of Confession

Sheryl Taylor

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our

lives. Focused on our daily planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives.

Forgive us. There is no one who can hold a candle to you when it comes to mercy and hope. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness *(written by Thom Shuman)* Sheryl Taylor

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 579 Lord, Have Mercy GLORIA PATRI

We Receive God's Word

Anthem There's A Wideness in God's Mercy arr. John Ferguson
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering Tonia Thompson

First Reading Mark 1:29-39 (page 911, red Bible) Sheryl Taylor

Second Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 (pages 654-655, red Bible) Rev. Kyle Walker

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

Sermon Have We Not Known? Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Hymn (GTG) No. 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW DIMENSIONS

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - *(Let us honor our BSA scouts today with the Scout Law)*

Sheryl Taylor

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY. Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

LOYAL. Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

HELPFUL. Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

FRIENDLY. Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

COURTEOUS. Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

OBEDIENT. Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

CHEERFUL. Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

THRIFTY. Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

BRAVE. Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

CLEAN. Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

REVERENT. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Sheryl Taylor

Information about the Special Offering for Local Benevolence

Melissa Durkee

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

 Invitation to the Lord's Table

 Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

 Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

(We will serve communion this morning. Gather juice and bread from your home.)

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Toccata in F

Dietrich Bustehude

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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



Worship Leaders

Reverend Dr. Kyle Walker, Interim Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Sheryl Taylor

Tonia Thompson



Resources consulted for today's worship include Liturgy that Matters and the online resources of "ReWorship"