



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WORSHIP SERVICE

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The word Emmanuel means “God with us,” the extraordinary promise that there is no person, place, or context beyond the presence of God. “Emmanuel” also has the same meaning and pronunciation in virtually every language on earth—a beautiful indication that the gospel is for all of us.

### WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch!

Use the QR code to fill out our Keeping Connected form (physical forms are available in the lobby) to receive information about our church. You can also use Church Center for general purposes such as registering for events.



Church Center



## LENT

*Lent is a 40-day season leading up to Easter focusing on renewal, repentance, and our identification with Christ in his suffering.*

### SEEN, KNOWN, LOVED

Where can I run from Your presence  
Where can I hide from Your heart  
Even through hardship and sorrow  
Your goodness remains through it all

#### *Chorus*

I am seen, known, loved by the Father  
I'm heard, held, never forgotten  
My hope, strength, light in the darkness  
Now and forever, forever amen

Day after day You've been faithful  
Night after night You've been near  
Closer than I could imagine  
You open my heart to believe

Heaven knows who I am  
I am loved by the Father  
And if the worlds in his hands I've got nothing to fear

One day I'll see You in glory  
And see what's been true all along  
That all of my life You've sustained me  
And now for eternity more

Pat Barrett  
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## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.*

**Leader:** Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God,

**People:** **let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

**Leader:** Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence

**People:** **so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

*~Hebrews 4:14,16*

### JESUS I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm  
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love  
Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove  
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold  
Jesus I come to Thee

William Sleeppe | Greg Thompson

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Leader:** <sup>1</sup>There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to him at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' <sup>4</sup>'How can anyone be born when he is old?' Nicodemus asked him. 'Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>'How can these things be?' asked Nicodemus. <sup>10</sup>'Are you a teacher of Israel and don't know these things?'

**People:** "Jesus replied, <sup>11</sup>'Truly I tell you, we speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:1-17)

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord, absolutely true and given to us in love.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers, 4th, and 5th graders will head directly to their classroom upstairs; K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. First-time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERMON TEXT

*The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.*

"<sup>1</sup>When the king had settled into his palace and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a cedar house while the ark of God sits inside tent curtains.' <sup>3</sup>So Nathan told the king, 'Go and do all that is on your mind, for the Lord is with you.' <sup>4</sup>But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>'Go to my servant David and say, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you to build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>From the time I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until today I have not dwelt in a house; instead, I have been moving around with a tent as my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all my journeys with all the Israelites, have I ever spoken a word to one of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, asking: Why haven't you built me a house of cedar?' <sup>8</sup>So now this is what you are to say to my servant David: 'This is what the Lord of Armies says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. I will make a great name for you like that of the greatest on the earth. <sup>10</sup>I will designate a place for my people Israel and plant them, so that they may live there and not be disturbed again. Evildoers will not continue to oppress them as they have done <sup>11</sup>ever since the day I ordered judges to be over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. <sup>12</sup>The Lord declares to you: The Lord himself will make a house for you. <sup>13</sup>When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>14</sup>He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>15</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will discipline him with a rod of men and blows from mortals. <sup>16</sup>But my faithful love will never leave him as it did when I removed it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>17</sup>Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.'" ~2 Samuel 7:1-16

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERMON

*Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.*

Tattered Tabernacle

Rev. Young Lee

## OFFERING

*Offering is a grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of our God who owns everything and withholds nothing.*

### ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time  
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die  
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

#### *Chorus*

It is done it is finished  
No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient  
Merit now my own

I lay down my garments any empty boast  
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus  
A crimson robe made white  
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath  
When I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross  
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Oh Your merit now my own  
Oh Your merit now my own

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We are forgiven in Christ and our assurance is based on God's promises.*

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." ~Jude 1:24-25

## COMMUNION

*The Lord's table is open to all who have faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. (Gluten free wafers are available.)*

### LORD JESUS CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ  
Have mercy on me  
Have mercy  
Lord Jesus Christ  
Have mercy on me  
A sinner

*Chorus*  
Lord Jesus Christ  
Señor Jesús

Señor Jesús  
Ten piedad de mi  
Ten piedad  
Señor Jesús  
Ten piedad de mi  
Pecador

Stephen Bates

## PARTNERSHIP OFFERING - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid

### FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

*Chorus*  
Hallelu, hallelujah  
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy (x4)

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace (x4)

You make all things new  
You make all things new  
In places we don't choose  
You make all things new

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## BENEDICTION

*Benediction means "good word" and is a pronouncement of grace and blessing.*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **March Partnership Offering - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid - Today**

Each month, we take a special offering for one of our ministry partners. Consider giving to our partner Restoration Immigration Legal Aid during the final song today or on our [website](#). Celebrating their tenth anniversary this year, RILA supports immigrants in our community by providing excellent *pro bono* legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and who have the fewest resources.

### **Theological Foundations - Today**

Join us for a four-part series on foundations of theology, exploring the mystery of our Christian faith using scripture, the Westminster Confession, and other resources to help us see the living God in His beauty.

### **Mongolian Pastor Visit - Today**

After service, stay and hear from pastors from Mongolia who work with our own Robyn Ham at Thirdmill Ministries. These church leaders will share about the church among the Mongolian diaspora in Europe where they serve.

### **Youth Group Discipleship Group Lunches**

All youth students are invited to eat lunch after service with their discipleship group and mentors on a Sunday in March. Please view Church Center or the Youth Group weekly email for dates and sign ups.

### **The Porters Gate RILA Benefit Concert - Today**

The Porters Gate is hosting a benefit concert for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid at 7 PM tonight at Westover Baptist Church. Free admission; donations welcome. Doors open at 6:30PM.

### **One-Time Childcare Volunteers Needed**

We love providing childcare for seminars and after-church events, but we need help to do it! Sign up on Church Center if you're able to help with childcare for 1-2 hours after church one Sunday.

### **Sparks Family Hike - March 7**

Kids in 3rd-5th grades and your families, come enjoy a hike together at Turkey Run Park. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

### **Daylight Savings Time - March 8**

Don't forget to spring forward and set your clocks ahead an hour next Sunday!

### **Congregational Lunch - March 8**

Everyone is invited to linger after the service to eat lunch together on March 8. Please bring a large side to share.

### **Easter Choir**

If you are interested in singing in a choir on Easter Sunday, contact Stephen or sign up on [Church Center](#).

### **Clicks, Credibility, and Critical Thinking: A Framework for Media Literacy - March 15**

We will continue our vocational sermon series and seminars on March 15 with an emphasis on Media and Technology. Stay after the service to hear from our own Paul Glader about the challenges of navigating the news in this digital age.

### **Fellowship Month Event Sign up**

Every March, we emphasize fellowship with congregant-led gatherings throughout the month. Visit the lobby or [Church Center](#) to sign up for a range of options to get to know others better outside church.

March 7	Ethiopian Restaurant
March 7	Midwestern Hotdish Supper
March 7	Dutch Blitz Tournament
March 12-15	Skiing
March 14	Slow Art Day
March 14	Dim Sum
March 14	Potluck Dinner
March 21	Dog Park Meetup
March 21	Rock Climbing
March 21	Cocktails & Indian Street Food
March 21	Poker Night
March 22	When God Shows Up: A <i>Woodlawn</i> Movie Event
March 28	Dessert Potluck
March 29	Intro to Sourdough