



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 12, 2025

## ***Welcome to Mercy Presbyterian Church***

Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are visiting with us, we are delighted that you have chosen to be with us and our desire is to be a blessing to you. Our prayer is that God will transform our lives and enable us to live for His glory and the good of the world. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Please share your information with us by emailing us at [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com).

### ***Our Worship***

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the work of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship.

### ***Parents of Young Children***

We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and want Mercy to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to involve your children in our service, help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our young children to participate. Children's bulletins with coloring activities are available by the door to the sanctuary. Nursery is also available for babies and toddlers. A Mother's Room (Room 109) is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one.

### ***Connection Points***

If you are a visitor, regular attender or member, we would love the chance to connect with you outside of Sunday mornings! Email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) to connect with us and receive more information about community groups and other ministries, as well as to communicate changes to your personal information.

***Community Groups*** are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. ***The Weekly Update*** is our email newsletter and the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Your ***Prayer Requests*** matter to us! If there is any way that we can pray for you, we would love the opportunity to join you in lifting your needs before the Lord. Email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) to connect with us!



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

### WELCOME

**INVOCATION** | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

*Psalm 89:1-8*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.  
For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

**You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
'I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**

a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?  
O Lord God of hosts,  
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,  
with your faithfulness all around you?

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*Words by Charles Wesley | Music by John Darwell | Public Domain*

Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**CONFESSION OF SIN** | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

**Most gracious and heavenly Father, we confess to you our failing to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. You have given us all that is good; you have called us as your beloved children; you have sealed us with your Spirit. Yet we continue to live as orphans, clinging to our kingdoms rather than to you. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE** | *God forgives our sins and gives us grace*

*Jude 1:1b-2*

*To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.*

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer  
There is no more for Heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus, now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

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*Blessed Assurance*

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.



**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | *Membership Vows*

*John & Penny Black*

*JB Brumfield*

*Grant, Kimberly, George, & Jack Simmons*

*Claire & Cody VonderMehden*

*Erica & Austin Waugh*

### **Membership Vows**

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *Rev. Doug Tharp*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER | *We lift up our requests to God*

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*During the children's sermon, pass the clipboards to check in and let us know you were here today!*

## CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *Jude 1:3-7* | Laura Murray

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup>just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

<sup>2</sup>Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Counterfeit Grace*

**SERMON NOTES**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | *The family meal of Christians*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

***Cornerstone***

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all

*His Mercy Is More*

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**GLORIA PATRI** | *(Glory to the Father) We praise the Triune God*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**BENEDICTION** | *God sends us out into the world with His blessing*

*Psalm 67:1-3*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!*

**DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Children's Ministry***

Nursery, Toddler Sunday School (during church), Children's Church (during the sermon) and Elementary Sunday School (before church) meet every week. Volunteers in this ministry are always needed. If you are interested in getting your family plugged in to this ministry, contact Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com)!

### ***Youth Ministry***

Youth Group at Mercy is for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and generally meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Youth Room from 6-8pm. We will take a break for the Christmas season and resume meeting on the morning of January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-9:50am instead of their usual evening time.

### ***Women's Ministry***

Get ready to be excited and equipped to share your faith as the Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> using Rico Tice's *Honest Evangelism*. There are both morning (9:30-11:am) and evening (7:30-8:45pm) options. Childcare will be available during the morning session, but not in the evenings. Let Joanna (women@mercydallas.com) know if you have any questions and look for the sign up in the Friday Email!

### ***Women's Retreat***

We can't wait for you to join us for the Mercy Women's Retreat on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll kick off Friday evening at 6pm with dinner and fellowship. On Saturday, we will hear words of encouragement from our very own Andrea Thomason. Look for a registration link in the Friday Email. We are excited to see you there!

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 12**

9am - 9:50am

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Annual Vision Dinner | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, January 19**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

### **Sunday, January 26**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

### **Friday, January 31**

6pm

Women's Retreat | Mercy Dallas

### **Saturday, February 1**

Women's Retreat | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, February 2**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

### **Wednesday, February 5**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, February 9**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

### **Wednesday, February 12**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, February 16**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

### **Wednesday, February 19**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, February 23**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

### **Wednesday, February 26**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **Sunday, March 2**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

## FINANCIAL UPDATE AND GIVING

### Giving

If you have questions about giving, expenses or budget at Mercy, or would like more information, contact Bryan Hatfield (bryan@mercydallas.com).

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can:

- Mail a check to: Mercy Presbyterian Church, 12727 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75230
- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary.
- Give by scanning the QR code:



<b>2024/2025 Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$643,000</b>
July 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024 Expenses	\$284,794
July 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024 Giving	\$264,293
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$20,501)</i>

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