



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 19, 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 19, 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 150:1-6*

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!

**Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Words by Robert Robinson | American Folk Tune | Public Domain*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for thy courts above.

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

*from The Book of Common Prayer*

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

*Zephaniah 3:15-17*

*The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
"Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

*Sing to Jesus*

*Words and Music by Fernando Ortega & Rich Nibbe | DeJamesolo Music ©2002*

Come and see, look on this mystery  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death

Come you weary and He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast  
Christ who died, risen in Paradise  
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Sing to Jesus His is the throne throne  
Now and forever He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown

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*This is My Father's World*

*Words by Maltbie Davenport Babcock | Music by Franklin Lawrence Sheppard | Public Domain*

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listing ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings,  
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done'  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

**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.**



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** | *Clark Morgan*

**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**

Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. <sup>9</sup>But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” <sup>10</sup>But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. <sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion. <sup>12</sup>These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; <sup>13</sup>wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

<sup>14</sup>It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” <sup>16</sup>These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**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

*Satisfied*

*Words by Clara T. Williams | Music by Karl Digerness | Cardiphonia Music ©2012*

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within

Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me  
'Till my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better  
Only still to hunger on

Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.

Well of water ever springing,  
Bread of Life so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.

**SENDING SONG** | *We are sent as God's people into the world as we trust His promises*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Words by Reginald Heber | Music by John Dykes | Public Domain*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**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*

*Romans 15:5-6*

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**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 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

### **Tuesday, January 21**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **Tuesday, January 28**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | 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

### **Tuesday, February 4**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **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

### **Tuesday, February 11**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | 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

### **Tuesday, February 18**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

### **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

### **Tuesday, February 25**

6:30 - 7:30am  
Men's Bible Study | 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

**Tuesday, March 4**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Wednesday, March 5**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Sunday, March 9**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

**Tuesday, March 11**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Wednesday, March 12**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Sunday, March 16**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

**Tuesday, March 18**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Wednesday, March 19**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Sunday, March 23**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

**Tuesday, March 25**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Wednesday, March 26**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

7:30 - 8:45pm

Women's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

**Sunday, March 30**

9:30 - 9:50am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

6 - 8pm

Youth Group | Mercy Dallas

## 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:



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| <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> |

### MINISTRY STAFF

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