



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 26, 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.

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 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 to connect with us!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 26, 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 96:7-13

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman | Shout! Publishing ©2011

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name
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CONFESSION OF SIN | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

from The Worship Sourcebook

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Abide With Me

Words by Henry Lyte | Music by Justin Smith | Justin Smith Music ©2007

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Blessed Assurance

Words by Fanny Crosby | Music by Phoebe Knapp | Public Domain

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.

DEACON'S OFFERING

Since the earliest days of the New Testament church, the deacons have taken a special offering to provide for those in need both inside and outside of the church. The Lord uses the generosity of His people to provide care that ministers to the whole person, meeting physical and mental needs while being attentive to the spiritual. Through this, we see God's mercy work through us to bless our church and community. Every fourth Sunday, our deacons provide Mercy an opportunity to give to this special offering.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed*

**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 | Rev. David Rogers

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 DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

As the children are dismissed, pass the clipboards to check in and let us know you were here today!

SCRIPTURE READING | *Matthew 16:18* | Rev. David Rogers

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. David Rogers | *Christ Will Build His Church*

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

Help My Unbelief

Words by John Newton | Music and Chorus by Clint Wells | Red Mountain Music ©2006

I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus make it soft.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

What Wondrous Love Is This

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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*

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL | *God sends us out into the world*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intro to Mercy Class

Come and learn more about the work and worship of Mercy at our next Intro to Mercy class on Sunday, February 23rd from 12:30-4:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact Alison for more information or to RSVP at church@mercydallas.com

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 6th - 12th grades and generally meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Youth Room from 6-8pm. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 26th from 6-8pm and on Sunday, February 9th, we will meet in the morning from 9-9:50am, instead of that evening.

Women's Ministry

Get ready to be excited and equipped to share your faith as the Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, February 5th 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 31st and Saturday, February 1st. 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 26

9:30 - 9:50am
Elementary Sunday School | Room 101
6 - 8pm
Youth Group | 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 - 9:50am
Youth Group | Mercy Dallas
9:30 - 9:50am
Elementary Sunday School | Room 101

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
12:30 - 4:30pm
Intro to Mercy Class | Mercy Dallas
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:



2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$643,000
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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