



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2, 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

February 2, 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 92:1-8*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,

**to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O Lord!  
Your thoughts are very deep!  
The stupid man cannot know;  
the fool cannot understand this:

**that though the wicked sprout like grass  
and all evildoers flourish,  
they are doomed to destruction forever;  
but you, O Lord, are on high forever.**

**HYMN OF ADORATION** | *We sing praises to God*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Carl G. Gläser | Arranged by Lowell Mason | Public Domain*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

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

*from Psalm 51:1-4a; 10-12*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

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

*Jeremiah 31:33-34*

*"...For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

*House of God Forever*

*Words and Music by Jon Foreman | Rubadub Rubishing Publishing ©2008*

God is my shepherd  
I won't be wanting  
I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest in fields of green  
With quiet streams  
Even though I walk through the valley  
Of death and dying  
I will not fear 'cause You are with me  
You are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me  
Follow me  
In the house of God forever

God is my shepherd  
I won't be wanting  
I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest in fields of green  
By quiet streams  
Even while I'm walking through the valley  
Of death and dying  
I will not fear 'cause You are with me  
You're always with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me  
Follow me  
In the house of God forever  
(In the house of God forever)  
(In the house of God forever)

*Psalm 130*

*Words by Martin Luther | Music by Christopher Miner | Christopher Miner Music ©1997*

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *Young Communicants Catechism 31 & 32*

What think ye of the holy scriptures?

**I believe they are inspired by God's Holy Spirit, I value them above all books, I accept them thankfully as a guide through the wilderness, a light to my feet, and a lamp to my paths, and a treasure of comforts and cordials suitable for me in all cases and difficulties, which I desire always to search into and study to be acquainted with.**

What do you think of the Lord's Day?

**I regard it as holy and honourable; and as a standing testimony of the perfection of Christ's sacrifice; I look upon it as the best day of the week, as being Christ's weekly market day, for needy souls, which I resolve to improve carefully for getting provision for my soul through the rest of the week.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** | *Emily Freeman*

#### **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** | *Jude 1:14-23* | Paul Johnson

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. <sup>17</sup>But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." <sup>19</sup>It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Doug Tharp | *The Persevering 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

*Rock of Ages*

*Words by Augustus Toplady | Music by James Ward | James Ward Music ©1985*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

*Rising Sun*

*Words and Music by David Leonard, Leslie Jordan, & Kyle Lee | Integrity's Alleluia! Music ©2012*

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh  
Hallelujah name above all  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise  
Hallelujah now and always  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah our God You reign  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Hallelujah name above all  
Hallelujah name above all  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

**DOXOLOGY** | *(Glory Words) We praise the Triune God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30-4:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact Alison for more information or to RSVP at [church@mercydallas.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Our next meeting is the morning of Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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](mailto:women@mercydallas.com)) know if you have any questions and look for the sign up in the Friday Email!

## CALENDAR

### **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](mailto: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 - December 31, 2024 Expenses	\$343,908
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 Giving	\$356,918
<i>Variance</i>	<i>\$13,010</i>

### MINISTRY STAFF

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