



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 9, 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

February 9, 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 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Behold Our God

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge | Sovereign Grace Worship ©2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

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

from Psalm 25

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

**For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

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

Titus 3:4-6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...

HYMN OF ASSURANCE | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words by Henry W. Baker | Traditional Irish Tune | Public Domain

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

HYMN OF GRACE | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

Jesus, I Come

Words by William True Sleeper | Music by Greg Thompson | Greg Thompson Music ©2000

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *Young Communicants Catechism 31 & 33*

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 gospel ordinances?

I look upon the word, sacraments, prayer, and praise, to be God's institutions, and means of conveying grace to souls. I thankfully accept them, as needful helps in the way to heaven, and as meeting places between God and my soul; and I desire to make it my main errand in attending them to meet with him therein.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | John MacLaughlin

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

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

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING | *Jude 1:24-25* | Dave Boland

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, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Doxology: A Call to Worship*

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

How Can I Keep from Singing

Words by Pauline T. | Music by Robert Lowry | Public Domain

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin
I see the blue above it
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing!
For all things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

All Glory Be to Christ

Traditional Scottish Folk Tune | Dustin Kensrue | We Are Younger We Are Faster Music ©2012

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To You who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist it vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His Kingdom come
On Earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living waters satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the Great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast Light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

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*

Jude 1:24-25

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.

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. For this Sunday, February 9th, students met from 9-9:50am, and will not meet tonight. Connect with the Youth Team at youth@mercydallas.com with any questions.

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

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Sunday, March 23

9:30 - 9:50am
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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 - December 31, 2024 Expenses	\$343,908
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 Giving	\$356,918
<i>Variance</i>	<i>\$13,010</i>

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