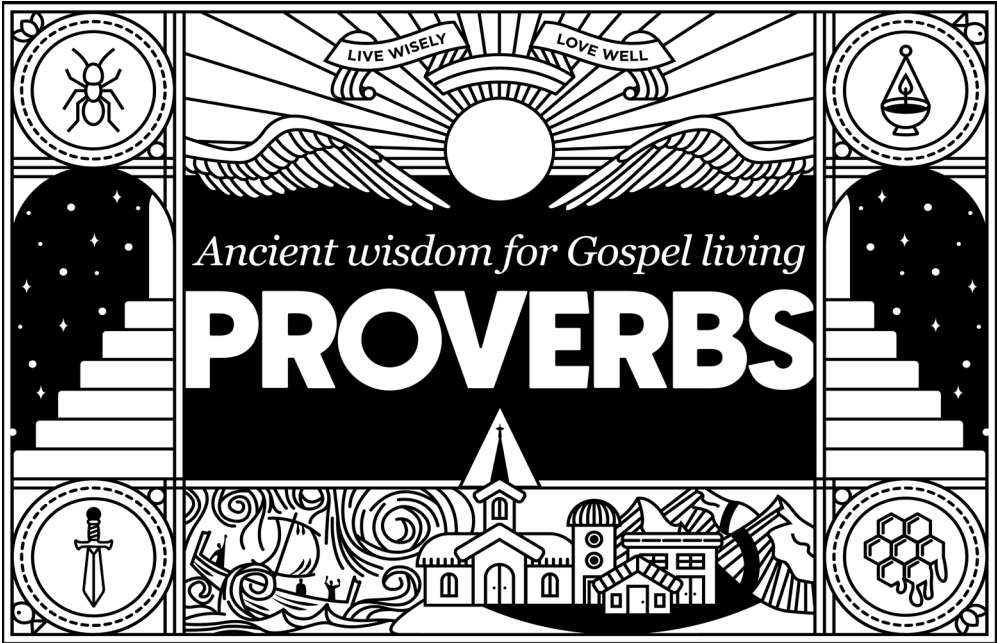




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 16, 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 16, 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 66:1-8

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard...

All Creatures of Our God and King

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All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

adapted from Psalm 25

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses.

Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

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

Isaiah 63:7-9

*I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.*

My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)

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My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Love Divine All Love's Excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *Young Communicants Catechism 31 & 34*

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 Supper that you have in view?

I look upon it as Christ's banqueting house, and spiritual feast, which in his love he hath provided for refreshing and strengthening his people's souls, while traveling through this wilderness: desire to bless God for it, and to accept it as a rare privilege, a quickener of grace, a memorial of redeeming love, and a pledge of Christ's second coming.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Laura Murray

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

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

²To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,

³to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—

⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,

⁶to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Purpose of Proverbs*

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

COMMUNION HYMN | *We celebrate the family meal of Christians*

We Will Glorify

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We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Kevin Twit | Kevin Twit Music ©1996

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.
He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.
The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.
My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

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*

Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

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. Connect with the Youth Team at youth@mercydallas.com.

CALENDAR

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

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6 - 8pm

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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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