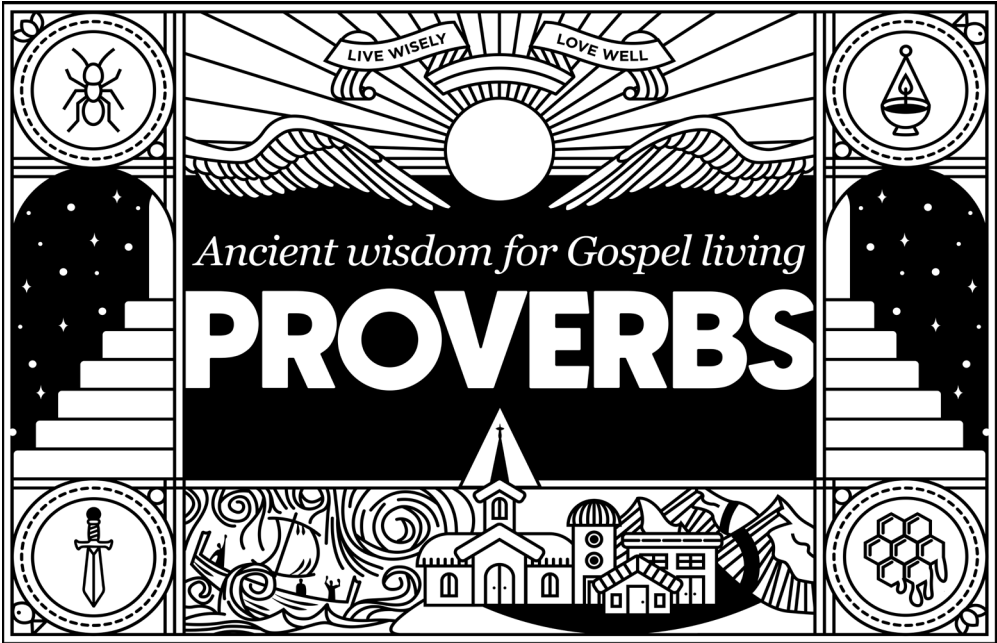




MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 23, 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 23, 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 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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

from Tenth Presbyterian Church

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject You. Turning our faces from You, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back to You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Proverbs 3:3-6

*Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

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.

We Are Not Overcome

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Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal the earth will shake
Night will fall light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek turn your cheek
Bear the yoke love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome

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 | *Young Communicants Catechism 31 & 35*

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 duty of prayer?

I look upon it not only as my great duty, but also as an honourable privilege, seeing hereby I have access to converse with God; and therefore I resolve, through grace, to live a life of prayer and acquaintance with God, in and through Christ, all my days, and that I will always go to God and consult with him in all cases and difficulties.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Eric Clay

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 & 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!

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
² or length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.
⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.
²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.
²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Marks of Wisdom*

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*

Is He Worthy

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Do you feel the world is broken (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen (we do)
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new (We do)

Is all creation groaning (it is)
Is a new creation coming (it is)
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst (it is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this (it is)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this (He is)

Does the Father truly love us (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us (He does)

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy, is He worthy
Is He worthy of this (He is)

Is He worthy, is He worthy
He is
He is

Cornerstone

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all

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*

1 Timothy 1:17

*To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor
and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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 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 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

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Mercy Dallas

Wednesday, March 12

No Women's Bible Study This Week

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 - 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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