



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

JANUARY 16, 2022

## ***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.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | January 16, 2022

### REFLECTION

*"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* - Paul, Philippians 3:12-14

**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 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Words by Reginald Heber | Music by John Dykes | Public Domain*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**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.

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

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in daily life. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the**

**daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*John 3:16-17*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

**HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God’s gift of grace*

*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

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There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q3 & 4*

How do you come to know your misery?

**The law of God tells me.**

What does God's law require of us?

**Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

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

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL | *Children 4 years old through 2nd grade*

*Children are dismissed with the Children's Ministry Team through the back doors of the sanctuary to Room 200.*

### SCRIPTURE READING | *Philippians 1:1-18a*

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup>The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup>The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | *Rev. Ryan Tompkins*

**SERMON NOTES**

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## OFFERTORY

### 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.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, making us in your image. We praise you for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people. Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Savior's word, may share in victory and eternal life.

## 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

*The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.*

*Please consider offering your tithes as a physical act of worship by placing your offering in the tithe box located at the entrance to the chapel on your way back to your seat after communion.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Awakening**

*Lord Jesus, I have heard from the Bible for years, and have been in church for years, but very little of this seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what you are saying. Unnerve me with the badness of the bad news. Enthrall me with the goodness of the good news. Make what is familiar seem new. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Covenant Children**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Those Struggling Against Sin**

*Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

*In Christ Alone*

*\*Hymn of the Month | Teaching our children great hymns of our faith*

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In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**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*

*Philippians 4:23*

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”*

**DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How does Paul feel about the church in Philippi?
2. In Philippians 1:9-11, what are Paul’s goals for the church? How can we make them our goals?
3. How does Paul view his imprisonment? How does this inform how you think about suffering?
4. In Philippians 1:15-18, what divisions can you see in the church? How does Paul think about them, and how might his thinking inform how we think about divisions in the church?
5. What is your takeaway from the passage?

## JANUARY AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, January 16**

9am

Youth Group | Room 118

Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

### **Tuesday, January 18**

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

### **Wednesday, January 19**

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

### **Thursday, January 20**

12pm

Men's Lunch

Uncle Julio's | 16150 Dallas Pkwy

### **Tuesday, January 25**

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

### **Wednesday, January 26**

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Infants and Children***

A mother's room is available for feeding and calming infants; it is located in the office space just outside the left exit door in the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for infants (Nursery Room) and toddlers (Room 135).

Children's Church (4 years-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) meets weekly during the sermon in Room 200.

Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 9-10am.

Sunday School will resume for the spring semester on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Emily Freeman at [emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com) for more information.

### ***Youth Group***

**1/16, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20**

Youth Group meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9am in Room 118. Youth Group will resume for the spring semester on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up/Reset Team or as part of the Welcome Team. For more information, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com).

### ***Women's Ministry***

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the women of Mercy will begin a 7 week study of the Book of Esther. We will use the book by Kathleen Nielson that was started in the fall. Please let Joanna Dawson ([women@mercydallas.com](mailto:women@mercydallas.com)) know if you would like a book and will be joining one of our two studies! Tuesday Morning Study: January 18<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-11am at the Dawson residence (childcare available upon request). Wednesday Evening Study: January 19<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30pm at the Nelson residence.

### ***Men's Ministry***

Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet with other men at Mercy from 6:30 - 7:0am at Cindi's Deli (11111 N US 75-Central Expy. Dallas, TX 75243). Contact [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) for further information.

### ***Community Groups***

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. If you are interested in joining a community group, please contact Jessica Nokes ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) for further information.

### ***Serve at Mercy***

Sunday morning volunteers are critical to the work and worship of Mercy. Contact Jessica at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for more information or to sign up.

### ***Interested In Joining Mercy?***

If you are interested in joining Mercy Presbyterian, please contact Jessica Nokes at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for information on next steps.

## CONNECTING

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### **Weekly Update**

Our weekly email newsletter is the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) if you would like to receive weekly emails.

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have a private matter that the session could be praying for, please email their private email at [session@mercydallas.com](mailto:session@mercydallas.com). We would love the opportunity to lift your needs before our Lord.

### **Giving**

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can do so in three ways:

- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary on Sundays.
- Give online at [www.mercydallas.givingfire.com](http://www.mercydallas.givingfire.com).
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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