

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | January 22, 2023

REFLECTION

"Oh, you're real, you're real! Oh Aslan!" cried Lucy, and both girls flung themselves upon him and covered him with kisses.

"But what does it all mean?" asked Susan when they were somewhat calmer.

"It means," said Aslan, "that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treason was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table and Death itself would start working backwards. And now – "

"Oh yes. Now?" said Lucy, jumping up and clapping her hands.

"Oh, children," said the Lion, "I feel my strength coming back to me. Oh, children, catch me if you can!"

-C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

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

Revelation 4:11, 5:12-13, 7:12

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

... "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

HYMN OF ADORATION | We sing praises to God

The Reign of Mercy

Words and Music by Kate Bluett and Paul Zach | Integrity's Alleluia! Music ©2021

Oh may our world at last be just And hilltops echo with Your peace The harvest come from barren dust The reign of mercy never cease He comes as rain upon the grass High heaven's sun to earth descends Not as the seasons that will pass But with a light that never ends

Oh come to Him and find your rest Who saw the poor and came as one Who hears the cries of the oppressed And rules till all oppression's done Someday He'll come to reign as King And we will see His justice done Our souls will magnify and sing The Christ whose kingdom now is come

And all the mighty and the strong
Will bow before Him on that day
The silenced fill the world with song
The poor and lowly He will raise
And all our bitterness and tears
Our violence and our endless wars
Will end at last when He draws near
Come soon, come soon O Christ our Lord

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. Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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.

HYMN OF GRACE | We celebrate God's gift of grace

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 | We confess what we believe

The Guanabara Confession | Article I

We believe in one God, immortal, invisible, creator of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible, who is identified in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who constitute nothing else but the same substance in essence, eternal and of the same will; the Father, source and beginning of all good; the Son, eternally generated by the Father, who, in the fullness of time, manifested Himself in the flesh to the world, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, made under the law to rescue those that were under it, in order that we would be received by adoption as God's own sons; the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, teacher of all truth, speaking through the mouths of the prophets, bringing the things that were said by our Lord Jesus Christ to the apostles. He is the only comforter in affliction, imparting steadfastness and perseverance in all good. We believe that it is necessary to worship solely, perfectly love, cry to and call upon the majesty of God in faith, and in a personal manner.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words by Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring | Music by George Elvey | Public Domain *Hymn of the Month | Teaching our children great hymns of our faith

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, One with the Father known, One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne, To Thee be endless praise For Thou for us hast died; Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou has died for me; Thy praise shall never never fail throughout eternity.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SCRIPTURE READING | 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 | Andrew Morgan

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? 2You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 4Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. 12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Heart of the New Covenant*

SERMON NOTES

INTERLUDE

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 sanctury.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN | We celebrate the family meal of Christians

Satisfied

Words by Clara T. Williams | Music by Karl Digerness | Cardiphonia Music @2012

All my life long I had panted For a drink from some cool spring That I hoped would quench the burning Of the thirst I felt within.

Hallelujah! He has found me, The One my soul so long has craved Jesus satisfies all my longings, Through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me 'Till my strength was almost gone. Longed my soul for something better Only still to hunger on.

Hallelujah! He has found me, The One my soul so long has craved Jesus satisfies all my longings, Through his blood I now am saved.

Poor I was and sought for riches, Something that would satisfy. But the dust I gathered 'round me Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Hallelujah! He has found me, The One my soul so long has craved Jesus satisfies all my longings, Through his blood I now am saved.

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free. Untold wealth that never faileth, My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah! He has found me, The One my soul so long has craved Jesus satisfies all my longings, Through his blood I now am saved.

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.

SENDING SONG | We are sent as God's people into the world as we trust His promises

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore | Drink Your Tea Music ©2015

We will feast in the House of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the House of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, My soul be not afraid For the promised morning O how long? O God of Jacob be my strength.

We will feast in the House of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together bring shalom.

We will feast in the House of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more.

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation Service

Doug's Installation Service will take place at 4pm in the chapel on Sunday, January 29th with a reception to follow in the social hall. Please make plans to join us for this special event!

Mercy Children

Nursery is available weekly for infants (Nursery Room). Sunday School is available for toddlers during the service. Children (4 years-2nd Grade) are dismissed from the service during the sermon for Children's Church. Elementary Sunday School (3rd-5th Grade) meets at 9am on 2nd & 4th Sundays. A Mother's Room is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The office to the north of the sanctuary is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with our children's ministry, please email Emily Freeman (emily@mercydallas.com).

Youth Group

Youth Group meets 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings at rotating homes. Youth will meet this Sunday evening, January 22nd, at the Anderson's home (6019 Desco Dr, Dallas TX 75225) from 6-8pm. High school students should bring their catechism; all students should come with their Bibles! For more information about the youth ministry and schedule, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at youth@mercydallas.com.

Women's Ministry

The Tuesday morning study meets at Joanna Dawson's home from 9:30-11am. The Wednesday evening study will resume on the 25th at Debi Nelson's home from 7-8:30pm. Feel free to join, even if you were unable to attend in the fall. For questions regarding the women's ministry at Mercy, contact Joanna Dawson (women@mercydallas.com).

Men's Ministry

Join us on Thursday, January 26th, as we kick off our men's Bible study. We will study the book of Ephesians where Paul calls us to examine every area of our lives in light of the gospel, including marriage, family, and work. There is no text to order for this study; we will use some prepared questions and Bible study methods to work through the letter together. You do not need to read or prepare for the meeting on the 26th, just bring your Bible!

Serve at Mercy

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

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 if you would like to receive weekly emails.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, January 24

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

Wednesday, January 25

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, January 26

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, January 29

4pm

Installation Service for Rev. Doug Tharp | The Chapel

5nm

Reception for Rev. Doug Tharp | Social Hall

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, February 2

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Friday, February 3

5 - 10pm

Women's Retreat | Crawford, TX

Saturday, February 4

7:30am - 10pm

Women's Retreat | Crawford, TX

Sunday, February 5

6:30 - 8am

Women's Retreat | Crawford, TX

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

Wednesday, February 8

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, February 9

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, February 12

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

Wednesday, February 15

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, February 16

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

Wednesday, February 22

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, February 23

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Sunday, February 26

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | The Dawson's Home

Wednesday, March 1

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

Thursday, March 2

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

CONNECTING

Community Groups

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Prayer Requests

If you have a private matter that the session could be praying for, please email their private email at session@mercydallas.com. They would love the opportunity to lift your needs before the 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.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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