



MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

JANUARY 23, 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.

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 23, 2022

REFLECTION

"Happiness depends upon ourselves." -- Aristotle

"If you want to be happy, be." -- Leo Tolstoy

*"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."
-- Mahatma Gandhi*

INVOCATION | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

CALL TO WORSHIP | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Psalms 128

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words by William Williams | Music by Jeremy Casella | 2037 Music ©2002

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

The Heidelberg Catechism / Q5&6

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.

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

*Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa
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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.

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

Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.

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.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *Christ Proclaimed*

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and 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.

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*

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 understand his suffering? How have you seen God work in your suffering?
2. Consider Philippians 1:15-18. People are preaching Christ for different reasons - some from selfish ambition. What is Paul's conclusion regarding such preaching? Why did he conclude such?
3. In Philippians 1:19-26, what is Paul's dilemma? What is his resolution?
4. How might you apply Paul's resolution in question 3 to your own life?
5. What is your takeaway from this passage?

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 23

Youth Volunteer Sunday

7-9pm

Youth Social 8th-12th | Bowl & Barrel

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

Tuesday, February 1

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

Wednesday, February 2

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

Sunday, February 6

9am

Youth Group | Room 118

Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

7pm

Youth Social 6th-7th | TBD

Tuesday, February 8

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

Wednesday, February 9

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

Saturday, February 12

3-5pm

Women's Valentine's Day Tea | TBD

Tuesday, February 15

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

Wednesday, February 16

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

Sunday, February 20

9am

Youth Group | Room 118

Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

Tuesday, February 22

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

Wednesday, February 23

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

Sunday, February 27

Youth Volunteer Sunday

Tuesday, March 1

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Women's Morning Bible Study | Dawson Residence

Wednesday, March 2

7pm

Women's Evening Bible Study | Nelson Residence

Sunday, March 6

9am

Youth Group | Room 118

Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

Tuesday, March 8

6:30am

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Wednesday, March 9

7pm

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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-2nd Grade) meets weekly during the sermon in Room 200.

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

Contact Emily Freeman at emily@mercydallas.com for more information.

Youth Group

2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20

Youth Group meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9am in Room 118. Each 4th Sunday, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up/Reset Team or as part of the Welcome Team. This Sunday, 8th-12th grades will meet at Bowl & Barrel from 7-9pm. For more information, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at youth@mercydallas.com.

Women's Ministry

On January 25th, 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) know if you would like a book and will be joining one of our two studies! Tuesday Morning Study: January 25th - March 8th from 9:30-11am at the Dawson residence (childcare available upon request). Wednesday Evening Study: January 26th - March 9th from 7-8:30pm at the Nelson residence. Save the Date for the next Women's Social on Saturday, February 12th.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:30 at Cindi's Deli (11111 N US 75-Central Expy. Dallas, TX 75243). They will study the book of James this semester. Contact 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) for further information.

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.

Interested In Joining Mercy?

If you are interested in joining Mercy Presbyterian, please contact Jessica Nokes at 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 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. 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.
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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