



MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

FEBRUARY 13, 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 | February 13, 2022

REFLECTION

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

-- Helen Keller

"A friend to all is a friend to none." -- Aristotle

"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival." -- C. S. Lewis

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 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord

Who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

HYMN OF ADORATION | *We sing praises to God*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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*

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Isaiah 12:1-2

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

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

Jesus Paid It All

Words by Elvina M Hall | Music by John T Grape | ©2006 worshiptogether.com

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *We confess what we believe*

The Heidelberg Catechism | Q10&11

Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

But isn't God also merciful?

God is certainly merciful, but also just. God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty - eternal punishment of body and soul.

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*

Before the Throne of God Above

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

Words by Charitie L. Bancroft | Music by William B Brabury

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied,
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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 2:19-30*

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *It Takes a Village*

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.

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

Come for the Feast Is Spread

Words by Henry Burton | Music by Greg Thompson

Come, for the feast is spread, hark to the call;
Come to the living Bread, offered to all.
Come to His house of wine, there on His breast recline,
All that He has is thine; come, sinners, come.

Come where the fountain flows, river of life;
Healing for all thy woes, doubting, and strife.
Millions have been supplied; no one was e'er denied;
Come to the crimson tide; come, sinners, come.

Come to the throne of grace, boldly draw near;
He who would win the race must tarry here.
Whate'er thy want may be, here is the grace for thee,
Jesus thine only plea; come, sinners, come.

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*

Psalms 23:6

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow - all the days of our lives. And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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. Philippians 2:19-30 seems to be a digression. Why does Paul interrupt his train of thought to talk about the ministry of Timothy and Epaphroditus?
2. What makes Timothy unique?
3. What do you learn about Epaphroditus? How do Timothy and Epaphroditus serve as examples to the church in Philippi?
4. Why should Epaphroditus be honored? Who might you honor for their kingdom work?
5. What is your takeaway from this passage?

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Thursday, February 17

12pm

Men's Lunch | Torchy's 5921 Forest Ln

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

Saturday, February 26

6-8pm

Men's Gumbo Night | Russo Residence

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

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

9:30am

Final Women's Morning Study | Dawson
Residence

Wednesday, March 9

7pm

Final Women's Evening Study | Nelson
Residence

Sunday, March 13

Immediately following service

Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 15

No Men's Bible Study this week.

Sunday, March 20

9am

Youth Group | Room 118

Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

Tuesday, March 22

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

Thursday, March 24

12pm

Men's Lunch | Hopdoddy's McKinney Ave

Sunday, March 27

Youth Volunteer Sunday

Tuesday, March 29

6:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, March 13, immediately following the worship service, Mercy Presbyterian Church will have a congregational meeting. The business to be conducted at this meeting is the election of Mr. Tim Swindell to the office of ruling elder. If the church fails to reach a quorum on March 13, then the congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20.

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

2/20, 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. For more information, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at youth@mercydallas.com.

Women's Ministry

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: January 25th - March 8th from 9:30-11am at the Dawson residence (childcare available upon request). Wednesday Evening Bible Study: January 26th - March 9th from 7-8:30pm at the Nelson residence. Please let Joanna Dawson (women@mercydallas.com) know if you would like to join one of the two studies.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Bible Study is studying the book of James every Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:30 at Cindi's Deli (11111 N US 75-Central Expy. Dallas, TX 75243). Men's lunches are 12-1pm monthly on Thursdays. 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

Pastor Search Team

If you have any questions about the ongoing pastor search, or are interested in contacting the Pastor Search Team, please email pastorsearch@mercydallas.com.

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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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