



MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

## ***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**  
Lord's Day Worship | February 5, 2023

**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*

*based on Psalm 36:5-9*

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

**Your righteousness towers like the mountains,  
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

All find protection under the shadow of your wings.  
We feast on the abundance you provide.

**You are the source of all life,  
and in your light, we see light.**

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

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Words by Edward Perronet & John Rippon | Music by Oliver Holden | Public Domain*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him 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.

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

*Taken from Prayers of the Reformers by John Calvin*

**Almighty God, since thou delayst with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked thy wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to thee for pardon, and with true repentance implore thy mercy. With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to thee, whether thou chastisest us, or according to thine infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding thee to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in thine only-begotten Son. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Psalm 103:8-13*

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*Jesus Paid It All*

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

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 Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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*

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

*Words by Samuel Stennett | Music by Christopher Miner | Christopher Miner Music ©1997*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land;  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land;  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land;  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land;  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Walking by Faith*

**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 sanctuary.*

### **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*

*We Will Glorify*

*Words and Music by Twila Paris | Singspiration Music/ASCAP ©1982*

We will glorify the King of kings  
We will glorify the Lamb  
We will glorify the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty  
We will bow before His throne  
We will worship Him in righteousness  
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth  
He is Lord of all who live  
He is Lord above the universe  
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings  
Hallelujah to the Lamb  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I am.

***All Glory Be to Christ***

*Scottish Folk Tune | Auld Lang Syne | Dustin Kensrue | We Are Younger We Are Faster Music ©2012*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To You who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist it vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His Kingdom come  
On Earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living waters satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the Great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast Light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

**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*

*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

### ***Mercy Service Opportunity***

Our Youth Group is looking for consistent homes to meet in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. You do not need to be a youth family to host! No hosting duties beyond space are needed - the youth team will take care of everything else! For more information, contact the youth team at youth@mercydallas.com.

### ***Mercy Children***

Nursery is available weekly for infants (Nursery Room). Sunday School is available for toddlers during the service. Children (4 years-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) are dismissed from the service during the sermon for Children's Church. Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets at 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evenings at rotating homes. 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. Youth will not meet next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, but they are invited to play in the Mercy NO MERCY Flag Football Game at 10am next Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at Valley View Park.

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

The Tuesday morning study meets at Joanna Dawson's home from 9:30-11am. The Wednesday evening study meets 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 Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:30am for the men's Bible study, which meets at Cindi's Deli (11111 N Central Expy). We are studying 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.

### ***Mercy Financial Update***

For questions about giving, expenses or Mercy's budget, you can reach out to Brett Cast (brett@mercydallas.com) or Bryan Hatfield (bryan@mercydallas.com).

<b>2022/2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
July 1, 2022-Dec 31, 2022 Expenses	\$343,265
July 1, 2022-Dec 31, 2022 Giving	\$353,891
<i>Variance</i>	<i>\$10,626</i>

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### **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

### **Saturday, February 11**

10am

Mercy NO MERCY Bowl | Valley View Park

### **Sunday, February 12**

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

*No Youth Group This Week*

### **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

## MARCH CALENDAR

### **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

### **Wednesday, March 8**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

### **Thursday, March 9**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Sunday, March 12**

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

### **Thursday, March 16**

*No Men's Bible Study This Week*

### **Thursday, March 23**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Sunday, March 26**

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

### **Thursday, March 30**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

## CONNECTING

### **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 at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com).

### **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). 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](http://www.mercydallas.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general)
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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