



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

**MARCH 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. 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.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | March 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*

*Psalm 27:1-6*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

*Written by John Newton | Music by Laura Taylor | Laura Taylor Music ©2001*

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

**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*

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!  
Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan.

*- Psalm 55:1-2*

**O God, we are a restless people. Forgive us for turning away from you in our anxiety, fear, and despair. Our sins are heavy, and we moan under the burden of our labors. Hear our prayers, forgive our sins; in your mercy, turn to us and lift us out of our bondage. Give us your rest. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

***My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)***

*Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick | Getty Music Publishing ©2014*

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | *Membership Questions and \*Baptism*

*Stephen and Chelsea Coy*

*\*Caroline Constance Coy*

*\*Jacquelyn Grace Coy*

*\*Lila Blakely Coy*

### **Membership Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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

*Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 12, Of Adoption*

*All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have his name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba; Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.*

## 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.**

***Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart***

*Words by John Newton | Music by Wendell Kimbrough | Red Mountain Music ©2005*

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says.  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise.  
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,  
May He help thee to believe;  
Then thou presently will see  
Thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;  
All thy sorrows soon shall end,  
I, who heaven and earth have framed,  
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's God, by all adored,  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew;  
Thou shall soon rejoice again;  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou can be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart;  
All thy wastes I will repair;  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear  
What the God of love can do.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *2 Corinthians 8:1-15* | *Bob Anderson*

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. <sup>6</sup>Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup>But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you— see that you excel in this act of grace also. <sup>8</sup>I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. <sup>11</sup>So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. <sup>12</sup>For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. <sup>13</sup>For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness <sup>14</sup>your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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.*

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Words by Bernard of Clairvaux | Music by Brian T. Murphy | Red Mountain Music ©2003*

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From fullest bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again,  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee, thou art good,  
To them that find thee, all in all,  
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad that thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast,  
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

***O Love Incomprehensible***

*Words by Anne Steele, Augustus Montague Toplady | Music by Kevin Twit | Kevin Twit Music ©2001*

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

What pain what soul-oppressing pain  
The Great Redeemer bore  
While bloody sweat like drops of rain  
Distilled from every pore!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

Arraigned at Pilate's shameful bar,  
Unparalleled disgrace!  
See spotless innocence appear  
In guilt's detested place.

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

The spotless Savior lived for me,  
And died upon the mount  
The obedience of His life and death,  
Is placed to my account!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

On Thee alone my hope relies,  
Beneath Thy cross I fall  
My Lord, my Life, my Sacrifice,  
My Savior and my All!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

**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*

*Psalm 23:6*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I 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!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. 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. The next meeting is set for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. High school students should bring their catechism; all students should come with their Bibles! Save the date for the Youth Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information about the youth ministry and schedule, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at youth@mercydallas.com.

**Women’s Ministry**

The next Women’s Social, a morning of easy yoga and delicious smoothies, is Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 12pm at the Church’s home (3970 Cobblestone Cir.). A book study of Hannah Anderson’s, *Humble Roots: How Humility Grounds and Nourishes Your Soul*, begins March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> - look for details in your email. 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 - December 31, 2022 Expenses	\$343,265
July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 Giving	\$353,891
<i>Variance</i>	<i>\$10,626</i>

## CALENDAR

### **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*

### **Tuesday, March 21**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Study | The Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, March 22**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Study | The Nelson's Home

### **Thursday, March 23**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Saturday, March 25**

Women's Social | The Church's Home

### **Sunday, March 26**

9 - 9:45am

Elementary Sunday School | Room 120

6-8pm

Youth Group | TBD

### **Tuesday, March 28**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Study | The Dawson's Home

**Wednesday, March 29**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

**Thursday, March 30**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Saturday, April 1**

Youth Progressive Dinner | TBD

**Sunday, April 2**

*Palm Sunday + Holy Week Begins*

**Monday, April 3**

6:30 - 8:30pm

BreakFast Service + Dinner | The Dawson's Home

**Tuesday, April 4**

*No Women's Bible Study*

**Wednesday, April 5**

*No Women's Bible Study*

**Thursday, April 6**

*No Men's Bible Study*

6:30 - 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service | Chapel

**Saturday, April 8**

10am - 12pm

Easter Egg Hunt | Cottonwood Park

**Sunday, April 9**

10 - 11:30am

Easter Sunday | Temple Shalom

**Tuesday, April 11**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Study | The Dawson's Home

**Wednesday, April 12**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

**Thursday, April 13**

6:30 - 7:30am

Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Tuesday, April 18**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Study | The Dawson's Home

**Wednesday, April 19**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | The Nelson's Home

**Thursday, April 20**

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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