



# HOSANNA *in the* HIGHEST



SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 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](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.

## ***Overview of Nehemiah***

In 587 BC, Judah was sent into Babylonian exile. In 538 BC, Judah began to return. Upon their return, there was no Temple and there were no walls to define and protect the city of Jerusalem. As one commentator puts it, "It was a death to make way for a rebirth."

Nehemiah tells the story of God's people's effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, which are representative of the people's identity being re-established according to the Covenant with God. It is a story of challenge and hope - a story of what it looks like to repent and commit oneself to God and his purposes. It is a reminder to Mercy Pres of what it means to be faithful as God's people, and what it means to prioritize what is truly important.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Palm Sunday | April 10, 2022

**REFLECTION**

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."*

- Vince Lombardi

*"The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart."*

- John Calvin

**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 136: 1-3*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

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

***All Glory Laud and Honor***

*Written by Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c.820) | Translated by J. M. Neale (1854) | Public Domain*

*\*The children's chorus will sing the refrain and verse 1. Please join in singing verses 2-4.*

***Children***

All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One!

All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***Congregation***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.**

***Children***

All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***Congregation***

**To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

***Children***

All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***Congregation***

**Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!**

**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*

**Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Titus 3:4-7*

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

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

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*Words and Music by Stuart Townend | Thankyou Music ©1995*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q24&25*

How are these articles divided?

**Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.**

Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.**

## **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*

*Jesus Cast a Look on Me*

*Words by John Berridge | Words by Matthew Perryman Jones | © MPJ Music*

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *Nehemiah 2:9-20*

<sup>9</sup>Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen. <sup>10</sup>But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel. <sup>11</sup>So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days. <sup>12</sup>Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me but the one on which I rode. <sup>13</sup>I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. <sup>14</sup>Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. <sup>15</sup>Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. <sup>16</sup>And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, and I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work.

<sup>17</sup>Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.” <sup>18</sup>And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work. <sup>19</sup>But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” <sup>20</sup>Then I replied to them, “The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *Prospering and Building*

**SERMON NOTES**



## 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*

***Nothing But the Blood of Jesus***

*Words and Music by Robert Lowry, 1876*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**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 John 3*

*Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.*

## 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. Consider verse 10. Who are Sanballat and Tobiah, and why are they displeased about Nehemiah's arrival? Have you experienced similar displeasure for following Jesus?
2. Consider verses 17-18. How does Nehemiah inspire the people? What inspires you to participate in "building" the kingdom?
3. Why did the people have to "strengthen their hands for the good work" (verse 18)? How might you need to strengthen your hands for good work?
4. Sanballat and Tobiah seek to undermine Nehemiah's project. How do they do that in verse 19? Have you ever suffered lies against you when seeking to honor God?
5. Where is Nehemiah's confidence? Where is your confidence, and how do you know?

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, April 10**

10am  
Palm Sunday Worship | Chapel

**Tuesday, April 12**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Thursday, April 14**

7-8pm  
Maundy Thursday Service | Chapel

**Sunday, April 17**

*No Sunday School/Youth Group*  
10am  
Easter Sunday Worship | Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 19**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Thursday, April 21**

12-1pm  
Men's Lunch | Shake Shack | Preston/Royal

**Sunday, April 24**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

**Tuesday, April 26**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Sunday, May 1**

9am  
Youth Group | Room 118 & 135  
Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

**Tuesday, May 3**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli  
10am  
Palm Sunday Worship | Chapel

**Sunday, May 8**

*Mother's Day*

**Tuesday, May 10**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Sunday, May 15**

9am  
Youth Group | Room 118 & 135  
Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

**Tuesday, May 17**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

**Thursday, May 19**

12-1pm  
Men's Lunch | TBD

**Sunday, May 22**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

**Tuesday, May 24**

6:30am  
Final Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Maundy Thursday***

This week, Mercy will hold a Maundy Thursday service from 7-8pm on April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. Nursery will be available for ages 0-3.

### ***Easter Sunday***

Elementary Sunday School and Youth Group will not meet on Easter Sunday.

### ***Mercy Kids***

Registration for adult volunteers for VBS at PCPC (June 7-10) is open. General registration for children ages 5 through rising 4th graders will open April 20. If you register as a VBS volunteer, you may register your children to participate at the same time. (\*Childcare is available for children of volunteers ages 0-5.) More information below and online (<https://pcpc.org/events/detail/30415/vbs-2022-wild-kingdom/>). VBS Family Night is June 3; Mercy will help to host this event and we need volunteers to man stations. Even if you are not participating in VBS but can help or want to participate, you are welcome!

Dates are coming soon for Mercy's first ever Backyard Bible Club! We will use PCPC's curriculum and enjoy time building relationships as a church family as we pour into our kids. Youth, get ready to mark your calendars too because we will need your help!

If you have questions, please reach out to Emily ([emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com)) or to Allison Ellis, our VBS coordinator ([allison.h.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:allison.h.ellis@gmail.com)).

### ***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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) meets weekly during the sermon in Room 200.

Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 9-10am. They will not meet on Easter Sunday (April 17).

Contact Emily Freeman at [emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com) for more information.

### ***Youth Group***

**5/1, 5/22**

Youth Group will not meet on Easter Sunday (April 17).

Youth Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9am. 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 118 and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in Room 135. Each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up or Welcome Team. For more information, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com).

### ***Men's Ministry***

The Men's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7:30am at Cindi's Deli (11111 N US 75-Central Expy. 75243). The next men's lunch is Thursday, 4/21 from 12-1pm at Shake Shack at Preston/Royal.

Contact [church@mercydallas.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for more information or to sign up.

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](mailto: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](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.givingfire.com](http://www.mercydallas.givingfire.com).
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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