

A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal, feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper. We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you would prefer that option.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

A Prayer Searching for the Truth: Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus: Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith): Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

Announcements

No Kid's Sunday School

Due to the Congregational Meeting, the Kid's Sunday School class will not meet today.

Congregational Meeting Today

The Elders of MHC would like to invite you to a congregational meeting after the service December 8th as we present to the congregation our recommendation for our next step as a church community.

Ladies Night Out: Tuesday December 10

Ladies you are all invited to our December Ladies Night Out! Dinner will be provided. No need to bring anything except yourself!

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Brenda Kent's house, 3222 Founder's Dr.

R.S.V.P. so that food can be ordered - natasha@mercyhillbcs.org or 936-404-9353.



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Welcome!
**We're really glad you're
here with us today.**

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”
— Psalm 150:6 —

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Invitation

Scripture Reading

Songs of Praise & Worship

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

“King of Kings”

God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

“Have mercy on me, O God....”
— Psalm 51:1 —

Confession

A Moment for Silent
Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel

From 1 John 4 & 5

Song of Response

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

God Gives Us His Words Of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!”*
— The Gospel of John 6:68 —

“A Weary World Rejoices”

Genesis 12:1-4

God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*
— Romans 12:1 —

The Giving of our Offerings

Moment for Reflection

God Invites Us To Gather Together At The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and
north and south, and will take their places
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*
— The Gospel of Luke 13:29 —

The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,
please see the back panel.

Songs of Response & Celebration

“God Made Low”

“Jesus Messiah”

God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

“The Lord bless you and keep you....”
— Numbers 6:24-26 —

The Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

Notes: